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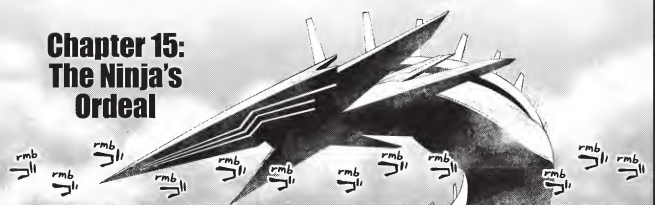
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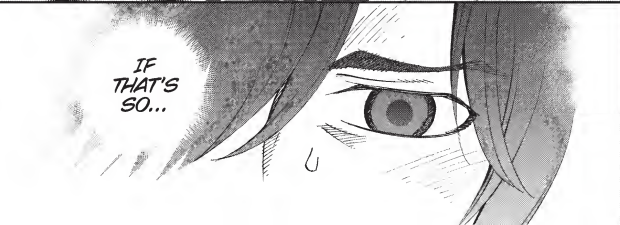
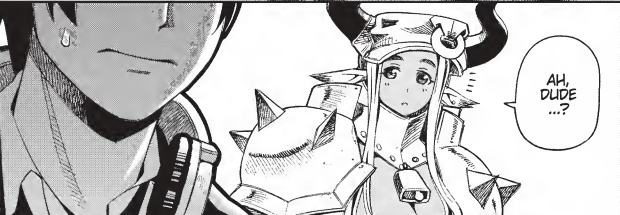
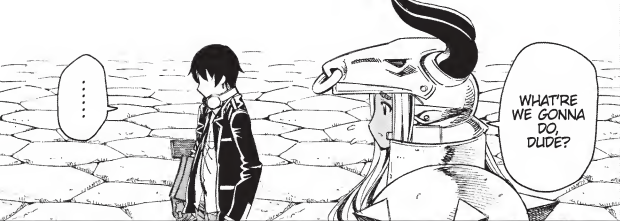


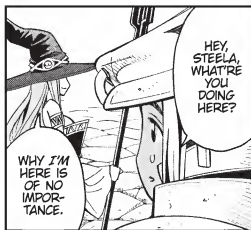
Chapter 15: The Ninja's Ordeal













WHY
DO YOU
STAY IN
THIS
FIGHT?



BUT
THIS IS
DIFFER-
ENT.

SINCE
YOU WERE
THE ONE
BEING
ATTACKED.

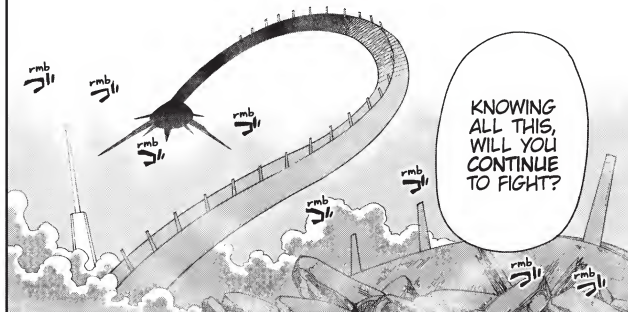
YOUR
PREVIOUS
BATTLES
HAD A
REASON
...



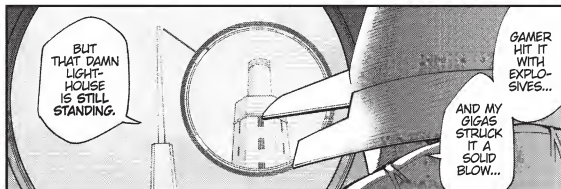
SO,
WHAT'LL
IT BE?

ANY
CHANCES
OF YOUR
RETURNING
HOME WILL
DWINDLE
LIKE THE
OUTGOING
TIDE.

IF YOU
FIGHT THIS
GIGAS NOW,
YOU'LL
BECOME
THEIR
TARGET,
NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT.



KNOWING
ALL THIS,
WILL YOU
CONTINUE
TO FIGHT?



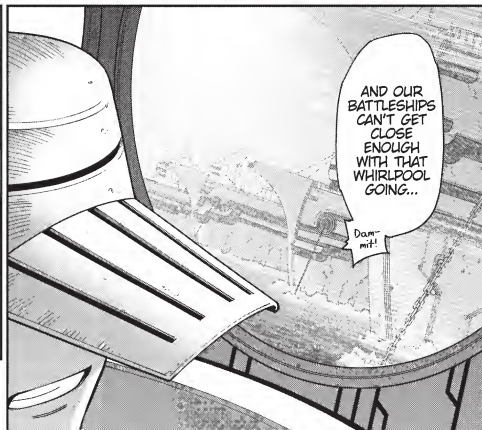
BUT
THAT DAMN
LIGHT-
HOUSE
IS STILL
STANDING.

GAMER
HIT IT
WITH
EXPLO-
SIVES...

AND MY
GIGAS
STRUCK
IT A
SOLID
BLOW...

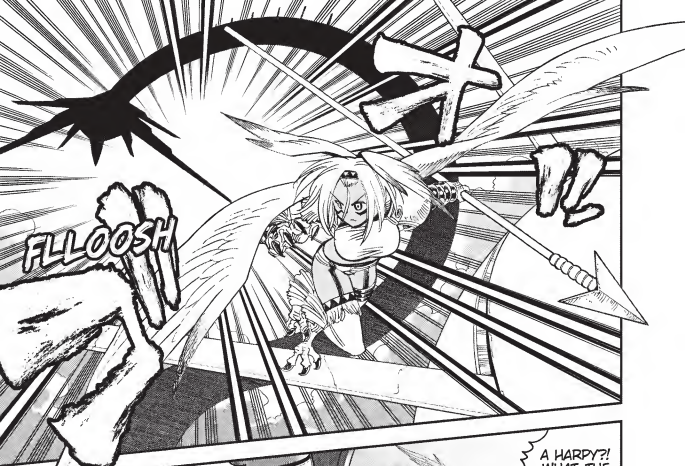


BEEEP



AND OUR
BATTLESHIPS
CAN'T GET
CLOSE
ENOUGH
WITH THAT
WHIRLPOOL
GOING...

Dam-
mit!



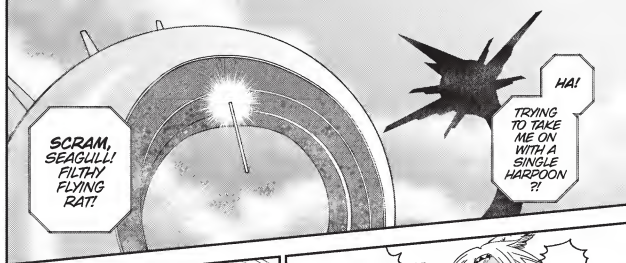
YOU'RE
GETTING
IN MY
WAY!

WHAT
ARE
YOU, A
SEAGULL?!

A HARRY?!
WHAT THE
HELL'S THAT
DOING OUT
HERE?!

Harry





AERO!
WHAT
ARE YOU
PLAYING
AT?!

HURRY
AND
BRING THE
NINJA!!

ARE THE
MERFOLK
JOINING
THE FIGHT?!

CAN THEY
POSSIBLY
STAND A
CHANCE
AGAINST THAT
THING...?



C'MON,
EITA-SAN!
LET'S TAKE
OUT THAT
GIGAS!!

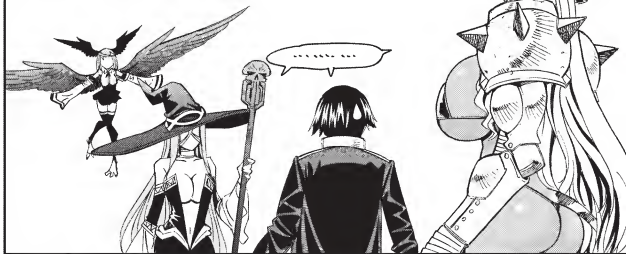
IT'S
SUPER-
HUGE, BUT
I KNOW
YOU CAN
BEAT IT,
EITA-SAN....!!

THIS IS
BAD!!
TH-THE LIGHT-
HOUSE IS
TRYING TO
GIGAS THE
COLLAPSE!

AT THIS
RATE, THAT
FLEET'S
GOING TO GET
TURNED INTO
THE TOWN BY
THAT FISH
FOOD!!

What...?

?





WASN'T THAT
JUST BECAUSE
HE NEEDED TO
PROTECT YOU,
WHO BROUGHT
HIM HERE AND
HENCE WAS
HIS ONLY WAY
HOME?

BESIDES!
WHEN HE
PROTECTED
US
HARPIES...

WE GAVE
HIM A CHANCE
TO ESCAPE,
BUT HE WENT
OUT OF HIS
WAY TO COME
BACK AND
HELP US...!



THIS
IS A
MERFOLK
FIGHT!!

WE DON'T
NEED ANY
LAND-FOLK
POKING
THEIR
LAND-NOSES
IN IT!!



NOT
TO
MENTION
...

SO, YOU
OUTSIDERS
ARE STILL
HERE,
HUH?!



BUT,
EITA-
SAN...!!

LOOK,
AERO, YOU
SHOULDN'T
PROD EITA
TO DO
SOMETHING
HE'S NOT
COMFORTABLE
DOING.



WELL
...

WOULD YOU
RISK YOUR
LIFE FOR
FOLK WHO
DON'T EVEN
WANT YOUR
HELP?

C'mon!
Let's
move!!

Yes,
sir!





Come to her
rescue.

Leave her be.

AT LEAST,
IF YOU
WANT
TO AVOID
THE BAD
ENDING.

Get your damn hands off her!

Tell me what's going on here!

Say nothing and be

Mission:
Rescue the Girl

IN A
VIDEO GAME,
HELPING
OUT IS
ALWAYS
THE RIGHT
CHOICE.

WHAT
AM I SUP-
POSED TO DO?

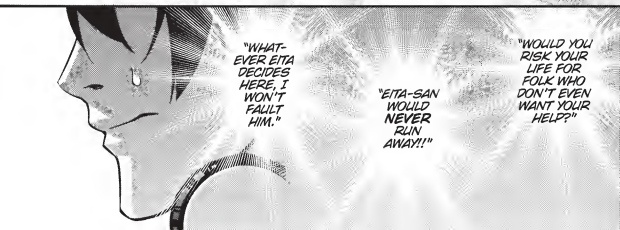
HOW AM
I SUP-
POSED TO
CHOOSE
...?



BUT
THIS
ISN'T A
GAME.

FAR
FROM
IT...

THERE'S NO
GUARANTEE
OF A GOOD
ENDING!!



"WHAT-
EVER EITA
DECIDES
HERE, I
WON'T
FAULT
HIM."

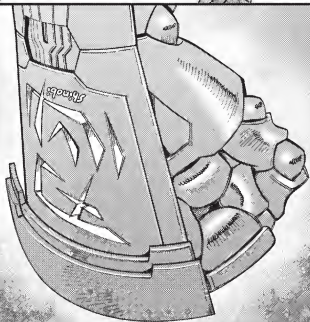
"EITA-SAN
WOULD
NEVER
RUN
AWAY!!"

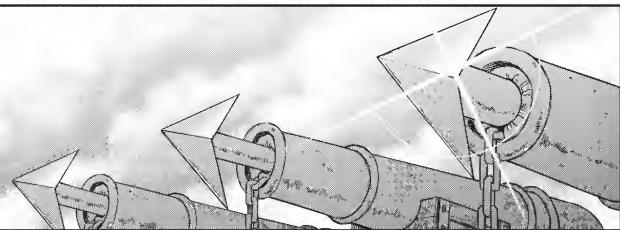
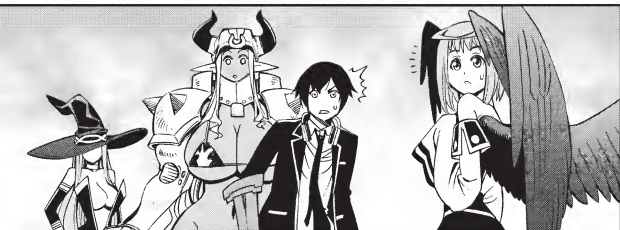
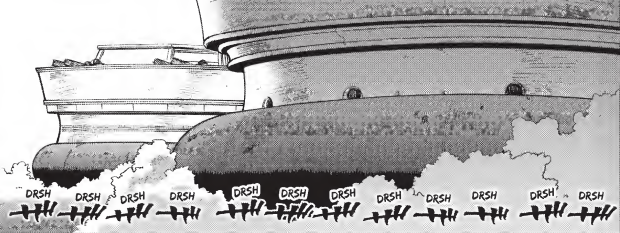
"WOULD YOU
RISK YOUR
LIFE FOR
FOLK WHO
DON'T EVEN
WANT YOUR
HELP?"

I...!!



Clench

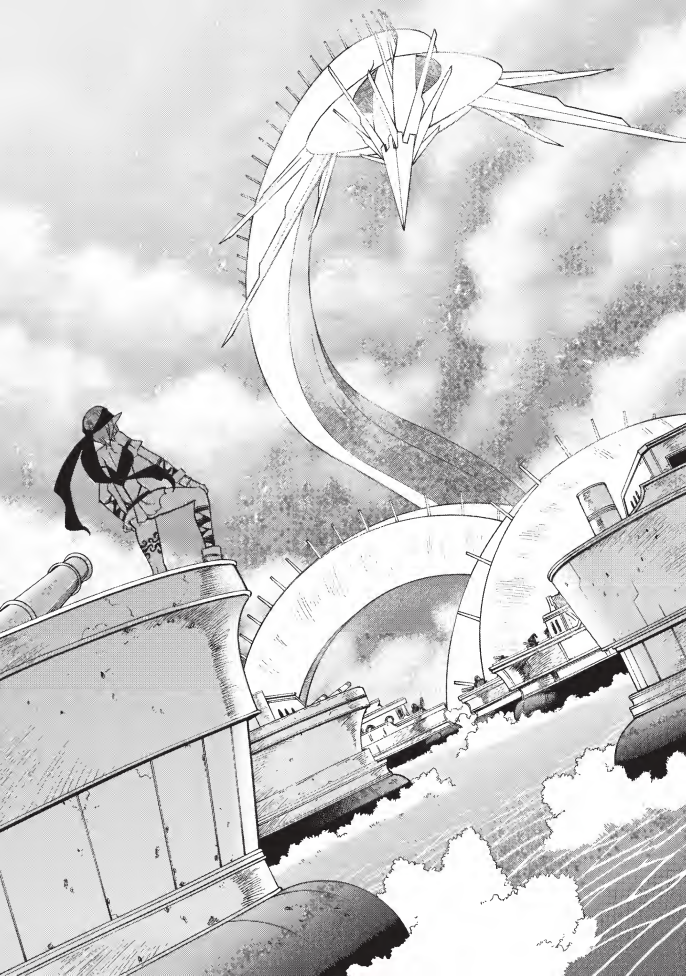




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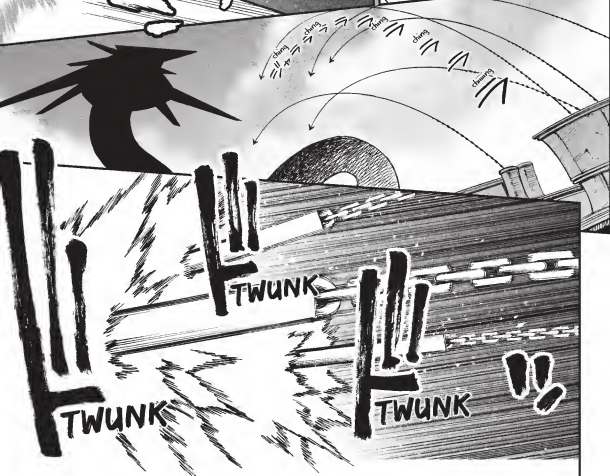


WHAT
THE
HEY
...?





FIRE !!

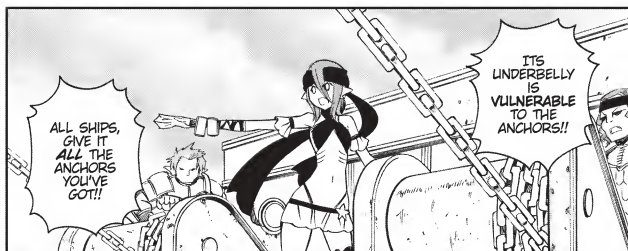
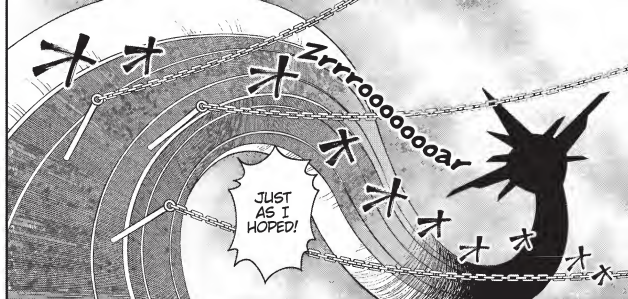


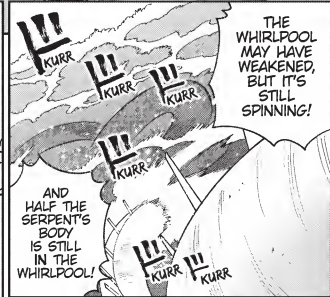
TWUNK

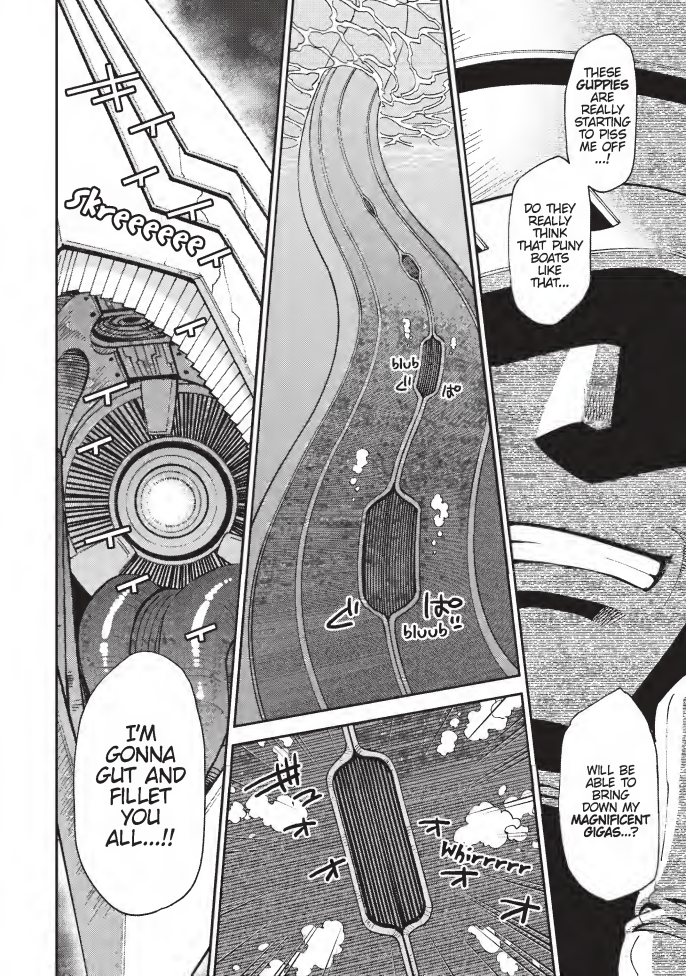
TWUNK

TWUNK

!!







THESE
GUPPIES
ARE
REALLY
STARTING
TO PISS
ME OFF
...!

DO THEY
REALLY
THINK
THAT PUNY
BOATS
LIKE
THAT...

I'M
GONNA
GUT AND
FILLET
YOU
ALL....!!

WILL BE
ABLE TO
BRING
DOWN MY
MAGNIFICENT
GIGAS...?

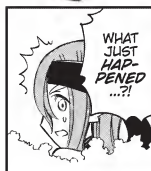
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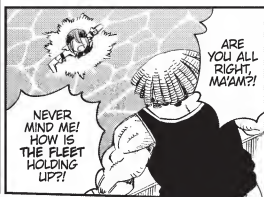
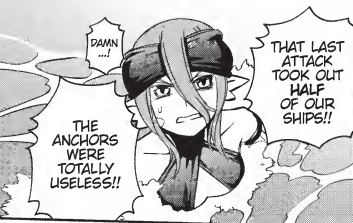
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Whrrrrr





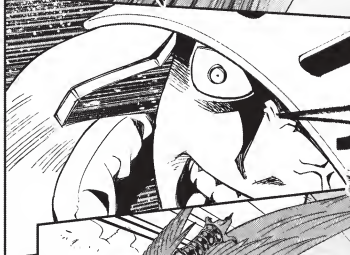




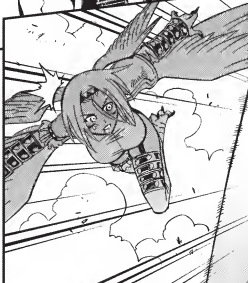
YOU
WATERY
OAF!!

THIS IS
WHAT YOU
GET FOR
NEGLECTING
THE SKY!

FLAP



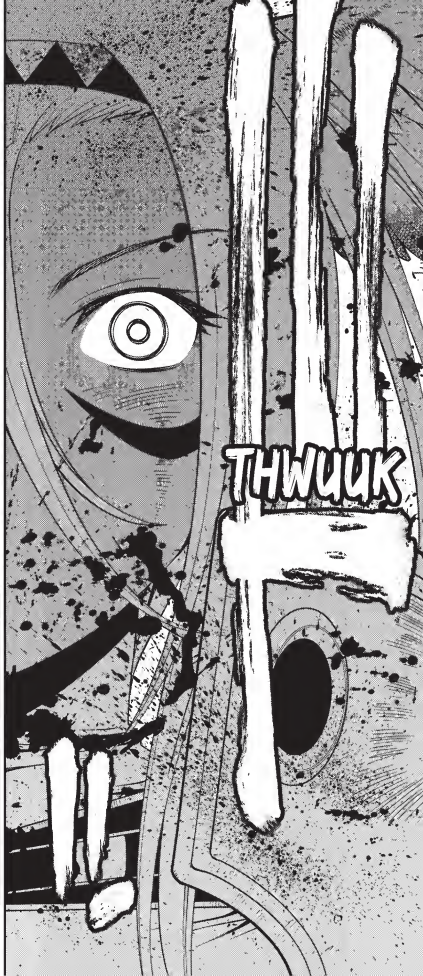
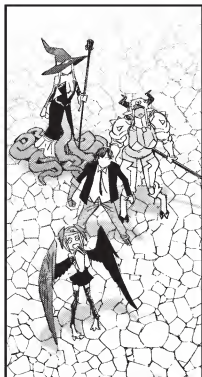
I FRIGGIN'
HATE
SEAGULLS!!

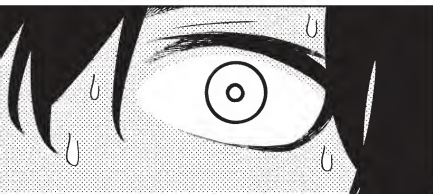


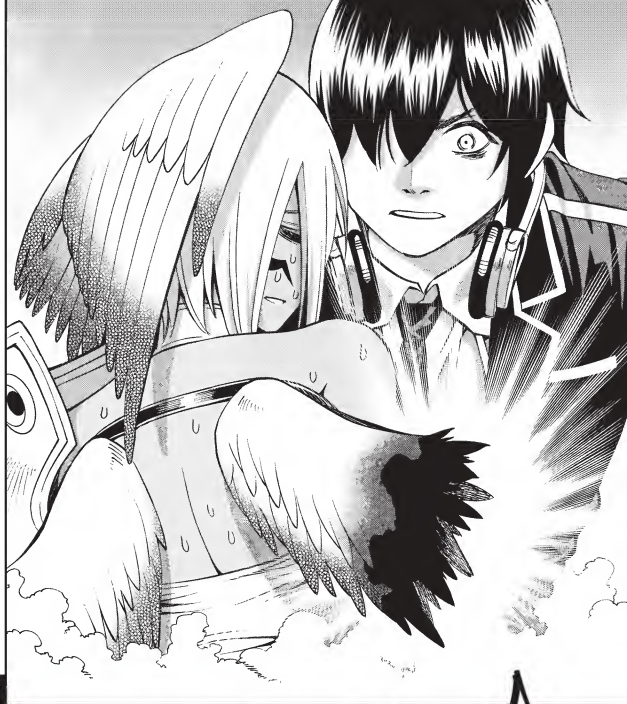
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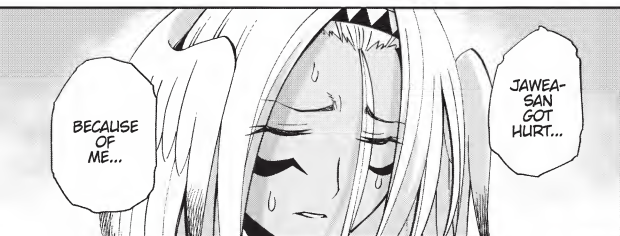
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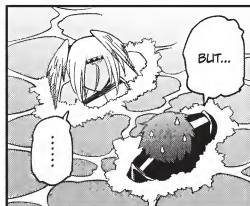














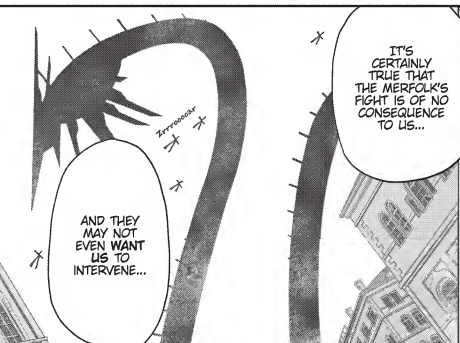
AT LEAST
I'LL KNOW
THAT I
STRUCK
AGAINST
MY FOE...
THAT'S THE
CHOICE I
MADE FOR
MYSELF.

I'M A
WARRIOR.
EVEN
IF WE
LOSE...



THIS
HAPPENED
BECAUSE
I DIDN'T
WANT ANY
REGRETS.

RE-
GRET
...?



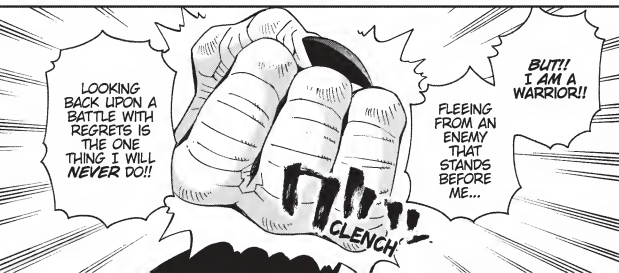
AND THEY
MAY NOT
EVEN WANT
US TO
INTERVENE...

IT'S
CERTAINLY
TRUE THAT
THE MERFOLK'S
FIGHT IS OF NO
CONSEQUENCE
TO US...



IF I'D
LOST
MY LIFE
BACK
THERE...

IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
BETTER
THAN LIVING
WITH THE
REGRET
OF DOING
NOTHING...



LOOKING
BACK UPON A
BATTLE WITH
REGRETS IS
THE ONE
THING I WILL
NEVER DO!!

FLEEING
FROM AN
ENEMY
THAT
STANDS
BEFORE
ME...

**BUT!!
I AM A
WARRIOR!!**

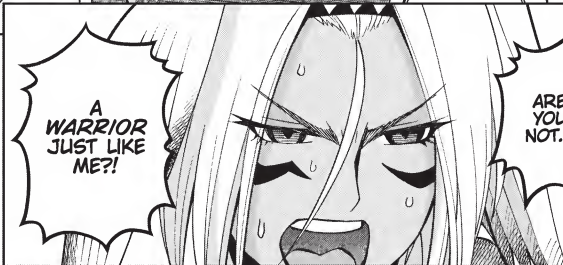
GLENCH!!



WON'T YOU
REGRET
IT IF
YOU JUST
WALK AWAY
FROM THIS
BATTLE?!



EITA!!
DON'T YOU
FEEL THE
SAME
WAY?!



A
WARRIOR
JUST LIKE
ME?!

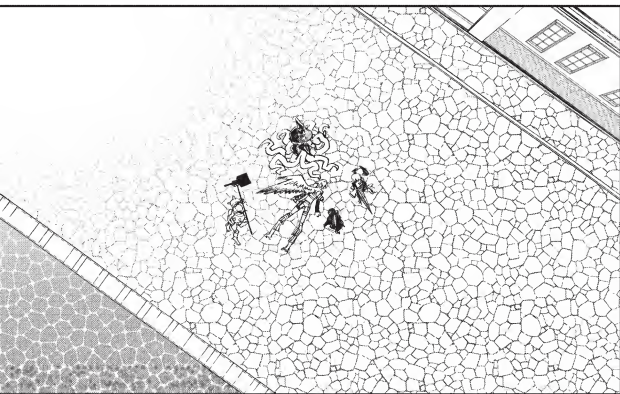
ARE
YOU
NOT...



I--

I...

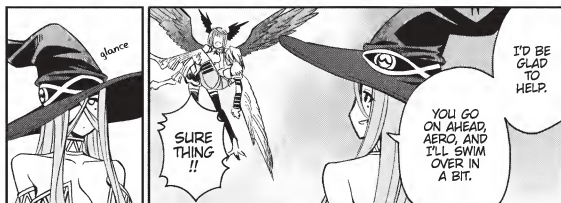
JAWEA-SAN!!



SHE'S
LOST A LOT
OF BLOOD,
SO WE'D
BETTER HURRY
AND GET HER TO
A PLACE WHERE
SHE CAN
GET PROPER
TREATMENT.

THIS IS
THE BEST
I CAN DO
WITH WHAT
WE'VE GOT
HERE.

I'VE
PATCHED
HER UP
FOR
NOW...





EITA...



TH-SPLOOSH

!! IP ㄞ



I'M
JUST A
NORMAL
HIGH
SCHOOL
KID...

I HATE
VIOLENCE.
I HATE
IT WHEN
PEOPLE
FIGHT.

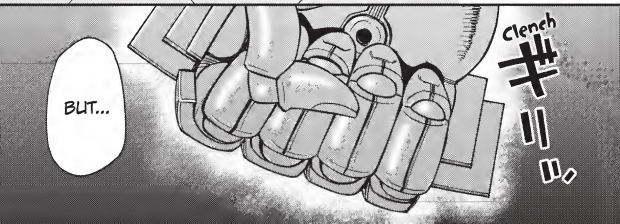
ESPECIALLY
WHEN
PEOPLE
COULD
LOSE THEIR
LIVES...



YOU'RE
GONNA
FIGHT THE
GIGAS
AFTER ALL,
AREN'TCHA
...?



I'M NO
WARRIOR.



BUT...

Clench

||
||



JAWEA-SAN
SAID SHE
DOESN'T
WANT ANY
REGRETS...
THAT GOES
FOR ME,
TOO!

SO
YEAH,
I'LL
FIGHT!!

THAT'S...
WHAT
I'VE
DECIDED!!



SO,
AERO!!

I'M SORRY
TO ASK
THIS, BUT...
WOULD
YOU FUSE
WITH M...



EITA...

WH-WHAT
WAS I
THINKING,
SENDING
HER
AWAY...?!

AH,
CRAP!
THAT'S
RIGHT!!

Light-
house

You
Are
Here

I'D USE UP
MY WHOLE
STAMINA
BAR ON
THE TRIP...
I WOULDN'T
HAVE ANY
LEFT FOR
THE BATTLE
....!!

UIM...
EITA.

PLUS,
STEELA-
SAN'S HOME
IS STUPID
FAR FROM
HERE....!!

Steele-
san's Home



N-NOW
WHAT?!
MAYBE I CAN
CATCH HER
IF I START
RUNNING
NOW...!!

Wait....!!

ERR, NO,
SHE FLEW,
SO THAT'S
NOT GONNA
HAPPEN...

EITA.

T-TERIO...
YOU'RE
GONNA GIVE
PEOPLE
THE WRONG
IDEA...

BY "FUSE"
YOU MEAN
THAT THING
WHERE YOU
FEEL UP
BOOBS,
RIGHT-?

YO,
COWBOY,
YOU
LISTEN-
ING-?

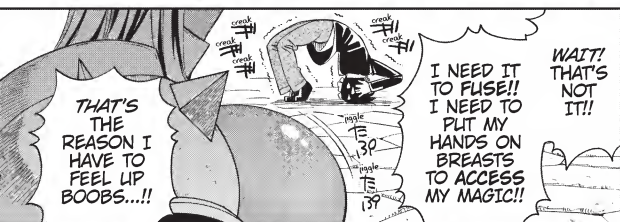


GO AHEAD.
I'M GOOD
WITH IT.

YOU
WANT TO
GRAB THESE
UDDERS,
DON'T YOU,
EITA-?

DO YOU
EVEN
HEAR
YOUR-
SELF?!

WH-
WH-
WH-
WH-
WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?!







WHAT MORE
COULD A
BLACKSMITH
POSSIBLY
DREAM
OF?!

THIS
MEANS I'LL
GET TO
BECOME
ONE
WITH THE
GAUNTLET
I MADE!!



I'LL GAIN
A DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING
OF THE
MATERIAL
I WORK
WITH....!!

AHH~!
I WONDER
WHAT MERGING
WITH THE
GAUNTLET'LL
BE LIKE?!

IS
THIS WHAT
SHE WAS
AFTER ALL
ALONG...?!

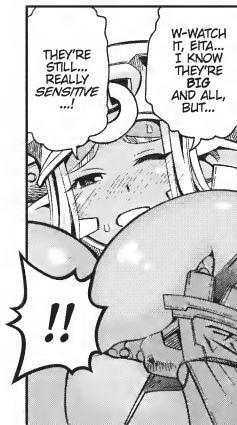
WHAT'LL
IT FEEL
LIKE TO
BECOME
ONE WITH
METAL?!

YES, EITA!!
FUSE!
FUSE WITH
ME!!

LET'S
DO
IT~!!

TH-
THAT'S
REALLY
NOT
HELPING...

A-ALL
RIGHT
THEN...
ARE YOU
READY?
HERE
GOES...?



WELL,
IN THAT
CASE...

THAT'S IT!
HER BOOBS
ARE SO BIG I
CAN'T REACH
THE CORE OF
THE MAGIC!!

SQUU-

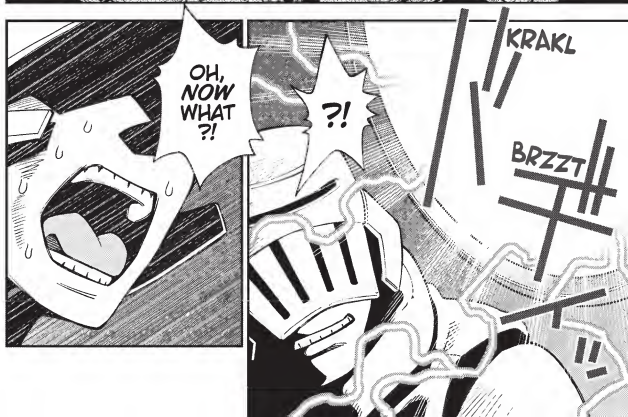
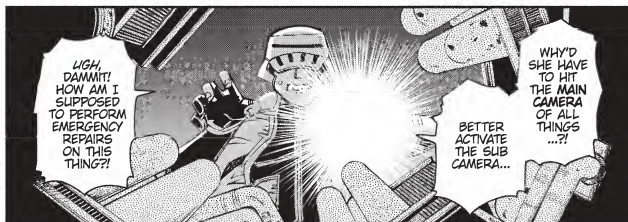
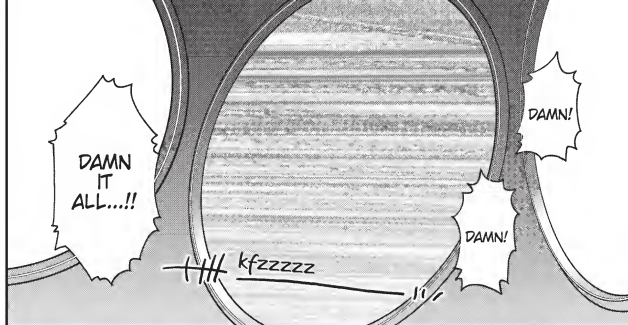
I MUST
GO
DEEPER!!

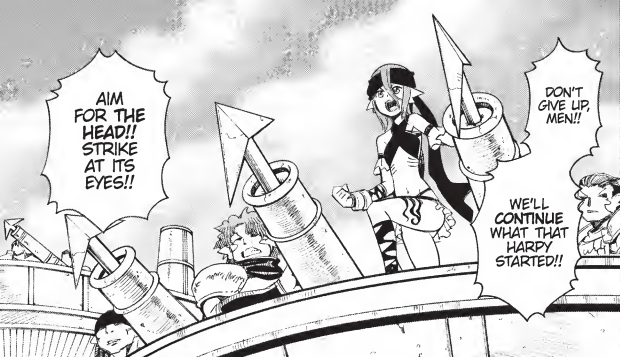
HYUH
?!

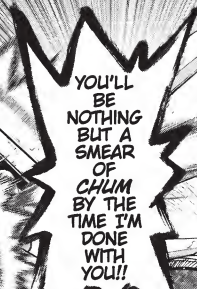
Shine...

TH...
THIS
FEELING...
♡

FLASH







YOU'LL
BE
NOTHING
BUT A
SMEAR
OF
CHUM
BY THE
TIME I'M
DONE
WITH
YOU!!



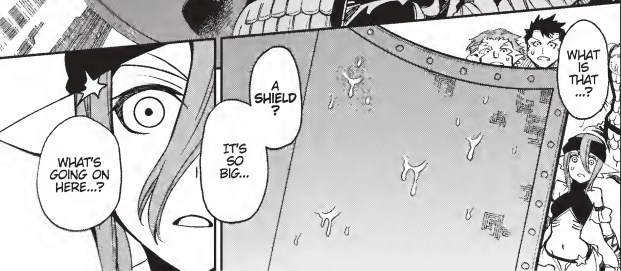
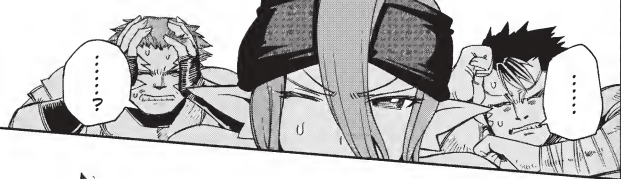
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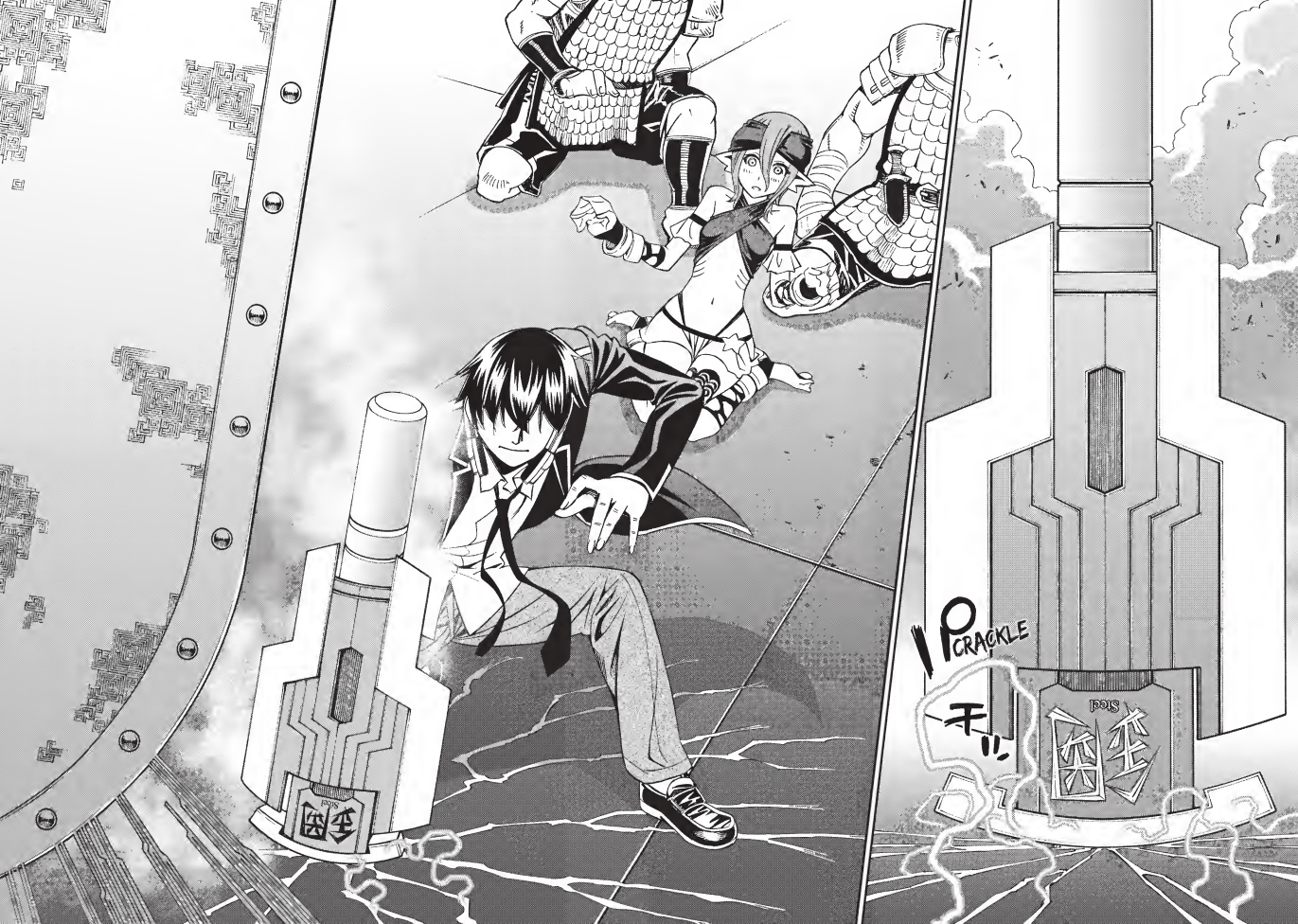


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Change in Target

...YOU
IGNORED
MY
WARNING,
HUH...?

Magic point

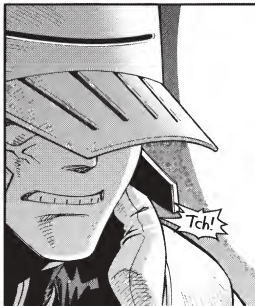
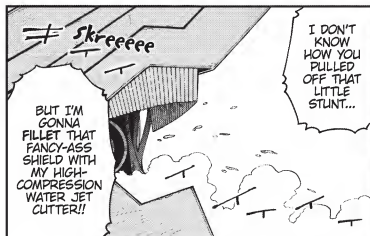
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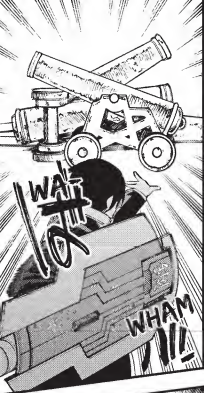
SO, I
SUPPOSE
THIS
MEANS...

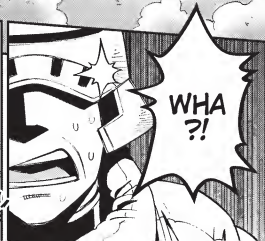
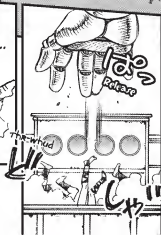


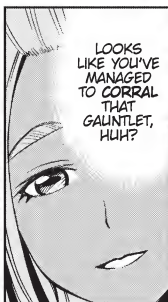
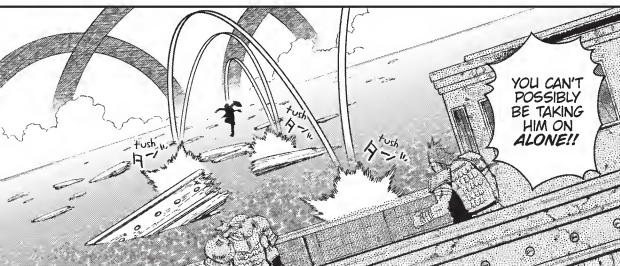
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Forging the
Hammer of
the Master
Craftsman**

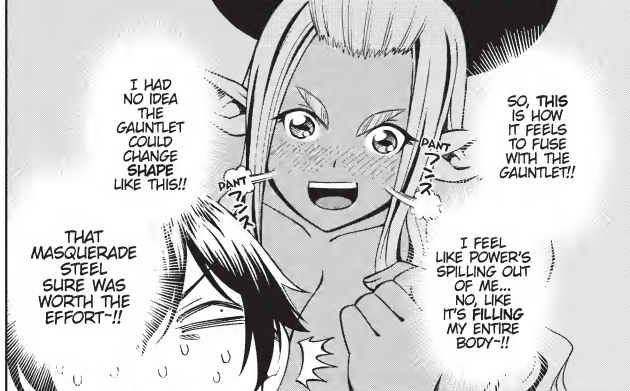












I HAD
NO IDEA
THE
GAUNTLET
COULD
CHANGE
SHAPE
LIKE THIS!!

SO, THIS
IS HOW
IT FEELS
TO FUSE
WITH THE
GAUNTLET!!

THAT
MASQUERADE
STEEL
SURE WAS
WORTH THE
EFFORT--!!

I FEEL
LIKE POWER'S
SPILLING OUT
OF ME...
NO, LIKE
IT'S FILLING
MY ENTIRE
BODY--!!



ALL
RIGHT!
ENOUGH
ALREADY
!!

You're
getting
way too
info, this
Teric!!

THOUGH,
TO BE
HONEST,
I FEEL LIKE
I'VE MERGED
MORE WITH
YOU THAN
WITH THE
GAUNTLET...



YOU NAILED
IT, DUDE!!
I THINK THIS
CURRENT
FORM'S A
REFLECTION
OF MY
CHARACTER--!!

YOU MIGHT
EVEN SAY I
STEERED
IT TO ITS
NEW
SHAPE....!!

SHUT
UP!!
YOU'RE
GIVING
ME A
HEAD-
ACHE!!



I WILL
ADMIT THE
SHIELD WAS
A SURPRISE. I
GUESS IT TAKES
ON DIFFERENT
FORMS AND
POWERS
DEPENDING
ON WHO IT'S
FUSED WITH.

ITS
LAST FORM
WAS MORE
SUITED TO
HIGH-SPEED
COMBAT...

ALLOWS ME
TO CHANGE
ANYTHING
I TOUCH
THAT'S MADE
OF METAL INTO
ANY FORM
I WANT!!

TO PUT IT
SIMPLY,
THIS
GAUNTLET
YOU MADE...

YES! THE
PERFECT
ABILITY
FOR A
BLACKSMITH
LIKE ME~!!

WITH THIS
POWER,
THAT GIGAS
IS GOING
DOWN!!

WITH
THIS
POWER
....!!

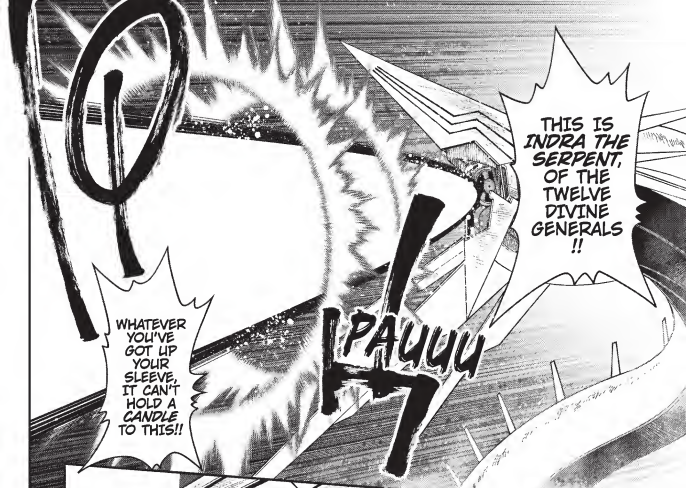
WISH
I KNEW
MORE
ABOUT
IT...

THE ONE
GAMER
TOLD ME
ABOUT,
WITH THE
WEIRD
POWERS...!

IT MUST
BE THAT
GAUNTLET
...

SHIT!

HOW DID
HE PULL
THAT SHIELD
AND ARMOR
OUT OF HIS
ASS...?!



THIS IS
INDRA THE
SERPENT,
OF THE
TWELVE
DIVINE
GENERALS
!!

WHATEVER
YOU'VE
GOT UP
YOUR
SLEEVE,
IT CAN'T
HOLD A
CANDLE
TO THIS!!

PAUUU

?!

HE'S
GONE
...?!

WHERE'D
HE
VANISH
TO...?!

TH-DROOM





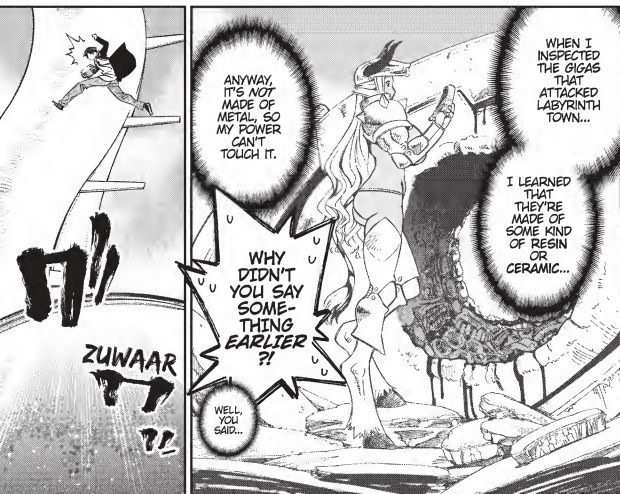
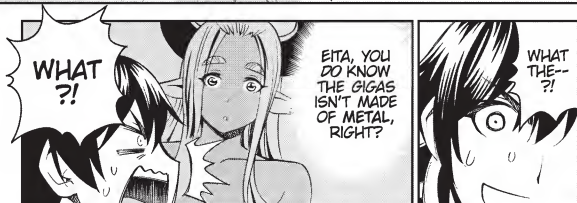
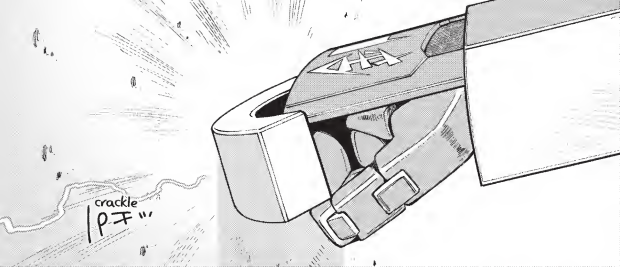
TIME TO
BECOME A
FISHING
LURE,
INDRA!!

THEN THIS
IS THE
PERFECT
TOOL FOR
FIGHTING
A GIGAS!!

IF I CAN
TRANSFORM
ANY
METALLIC
SUBSTANCE...



FORGE
!!





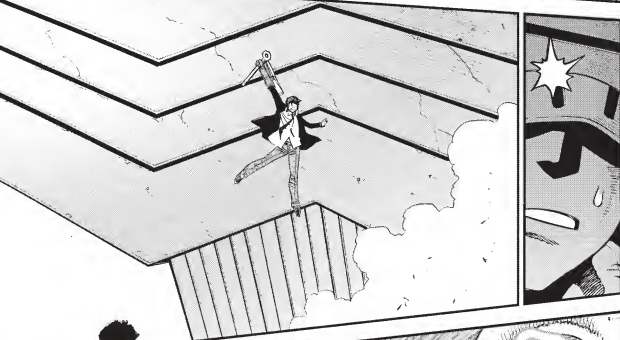
NRR!

GAH
?!

I'LL
TEAR
YOU TO
SHREDS
AND USE
YOU AS
SHARK-
BAIT!!

I'LL
CHEW
YOU
UP!!

ZRRRAAR

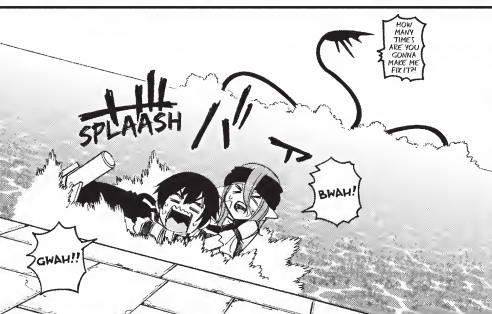
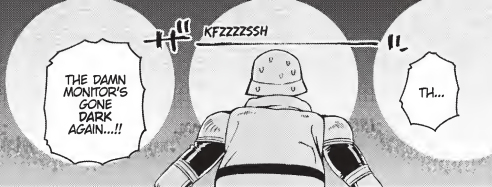


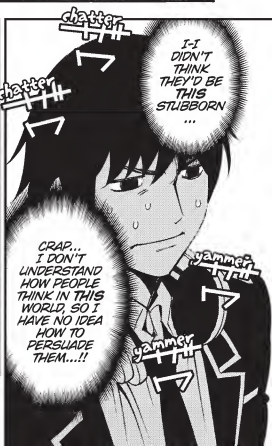
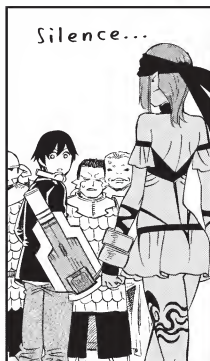
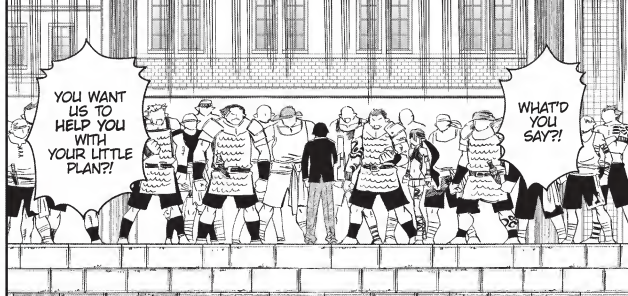


IF I CAN
JUST STICK
SOMETHING
THAT IS
METAL
INTO ITS
BODY....!!

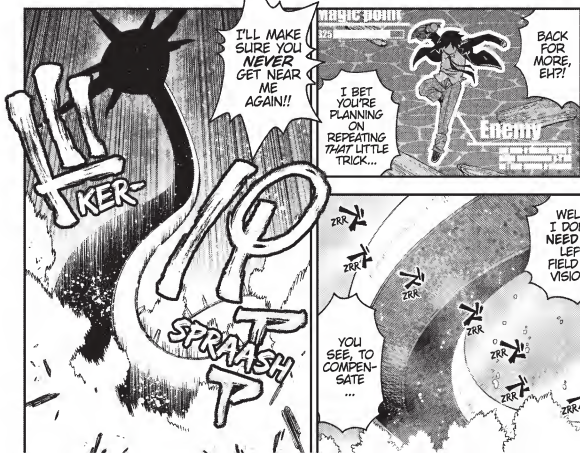
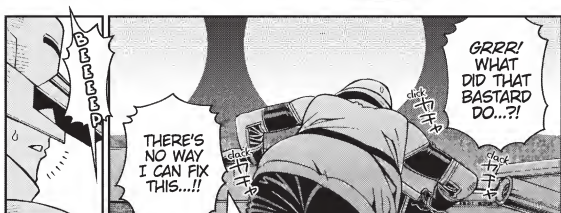
EVEN
IF THE
GIGAS
ISN'T
MADE OF
METAL...

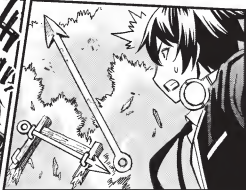
NOW
I GET
IT...!







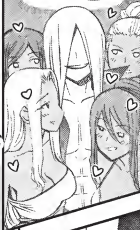






**AAAAHHH!
THE
TRAUMA'S
COMING
BACK!!**

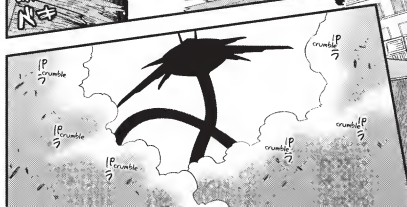
...BUT BY
THE TIME I
FIGURED IT
OUT, HE'D
TAKEN ALL THE
GIRLS FOR
HIMSELF!



SPLOOSH

HE CAN'T
USE THE
WATER JET
CUTTER
FROM THIS
DISTANCE!!

Whirr
Cll
Tob





I COULD
TELL YOU
WERE AFTER
THE
ANCHORS
STUCK INTO
MY BELLY!!

HA
HA HA
HA!



REMEMBER
WHAT I
TOLD YOU
BEFORE
ABOUT THE
KEY TO
FISHING?

YOU'VE
GOT TO
MAKE
YOUR
BAIT
IRRRESIST-
IBLE.

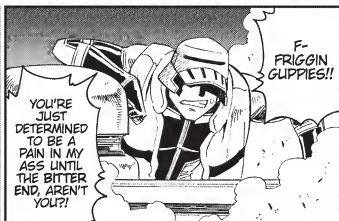
AND
NOW...

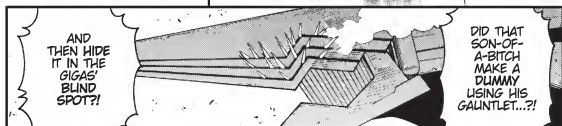
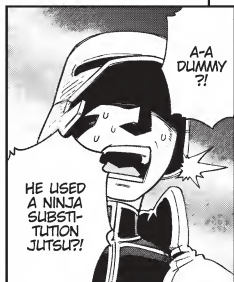
TIME TO
REEL
YOU IN!!

SPRA-

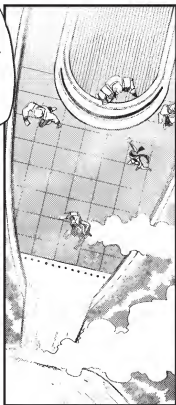
SLAAM

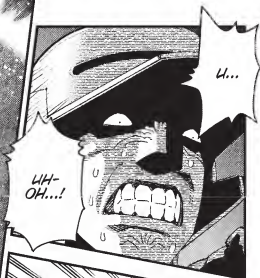
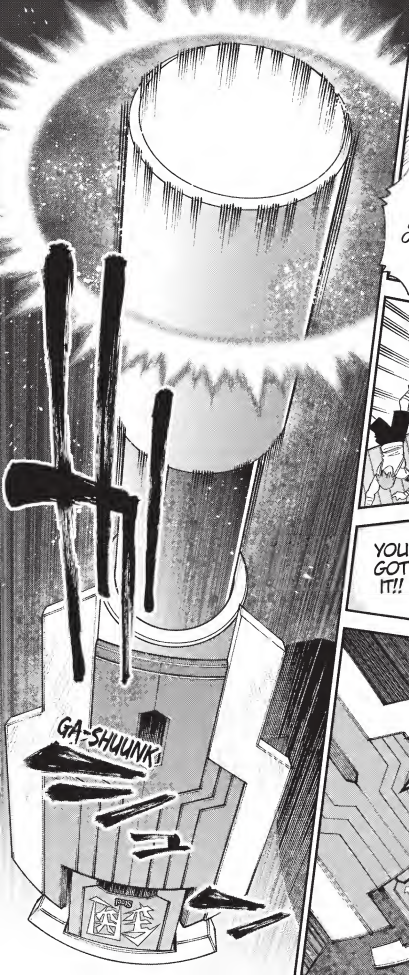


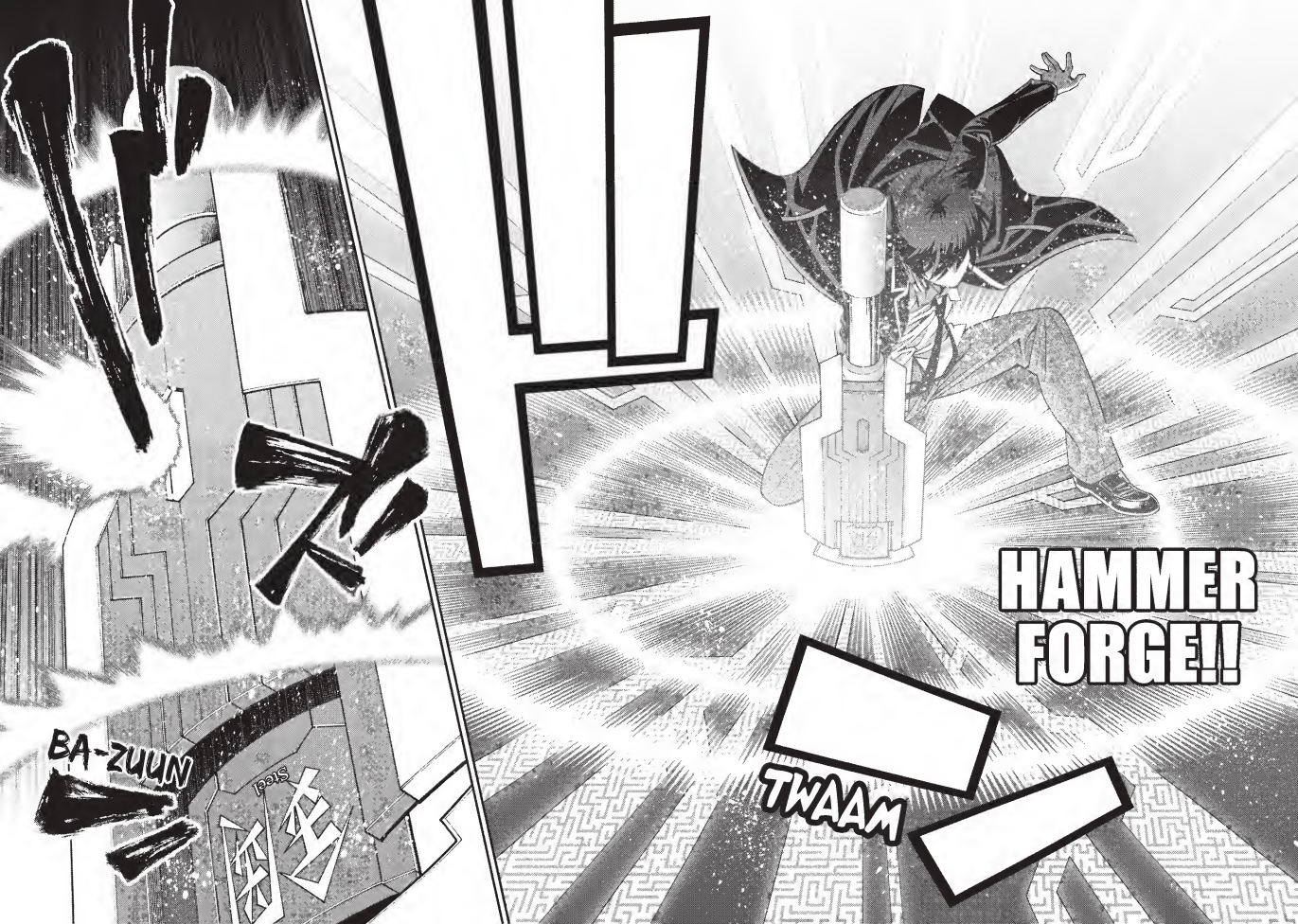




WELL, YOU KEPT YAKKING ABOUT JUTSU...





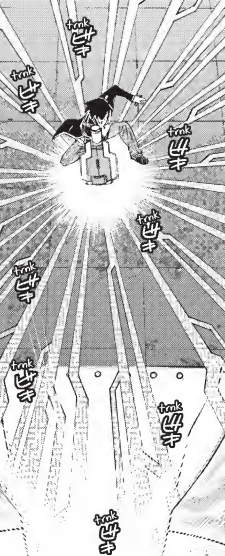


**HAMMER
FORGE!!**

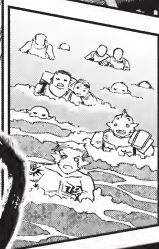
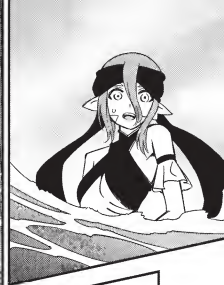
TWAAM

BA-ZUUN

THROOSH

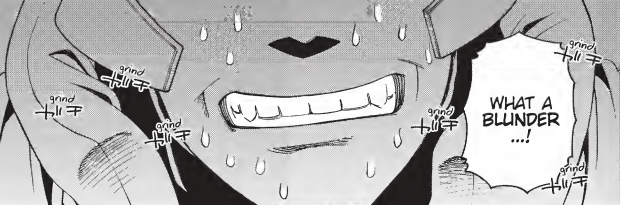


ZWUNK

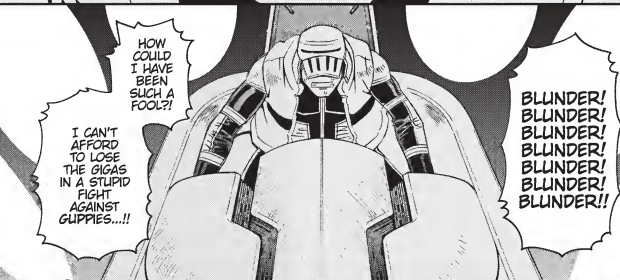








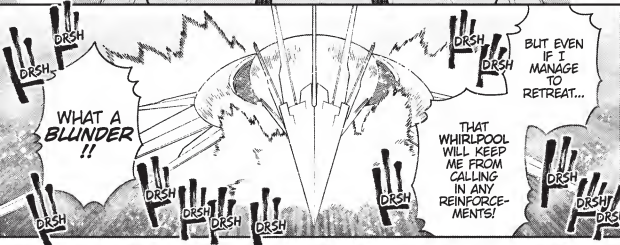
WHAT A
BLUNDER
...!



HOW
COULD
I HAVE
BEEN
SUCH A
FOOL?!

I CAN'T
AFFORD
TO LOSE
THE GIGAS
IN A STUPID
FIGHT
AGAINST
GUPIES....!!

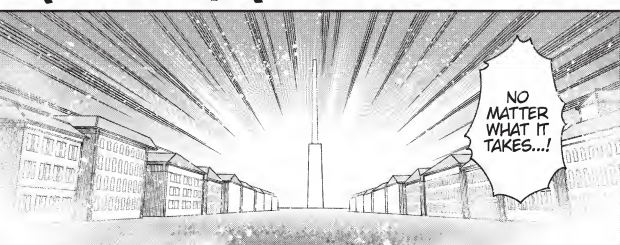
BLUNDER!
BLUNDER!
BLUNDER!
BLUNDER!
BLUNDER!!



WHAT A
BLUNDER
!!

BUT EVEN
IF I
MANAGE
TO
RETREAT...

THAT
WHIRLPOOL
WILL KEEP
ME FROM
CALLING
IN ANY
REINFORCE-
MENTS!



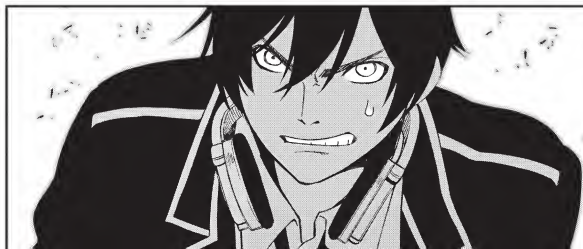
NO
MATTER
WHAT IT
TAKES...!



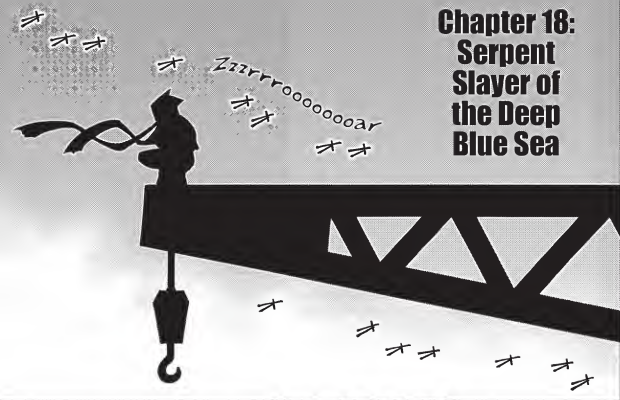
NO
MATTER
WHAT...!!

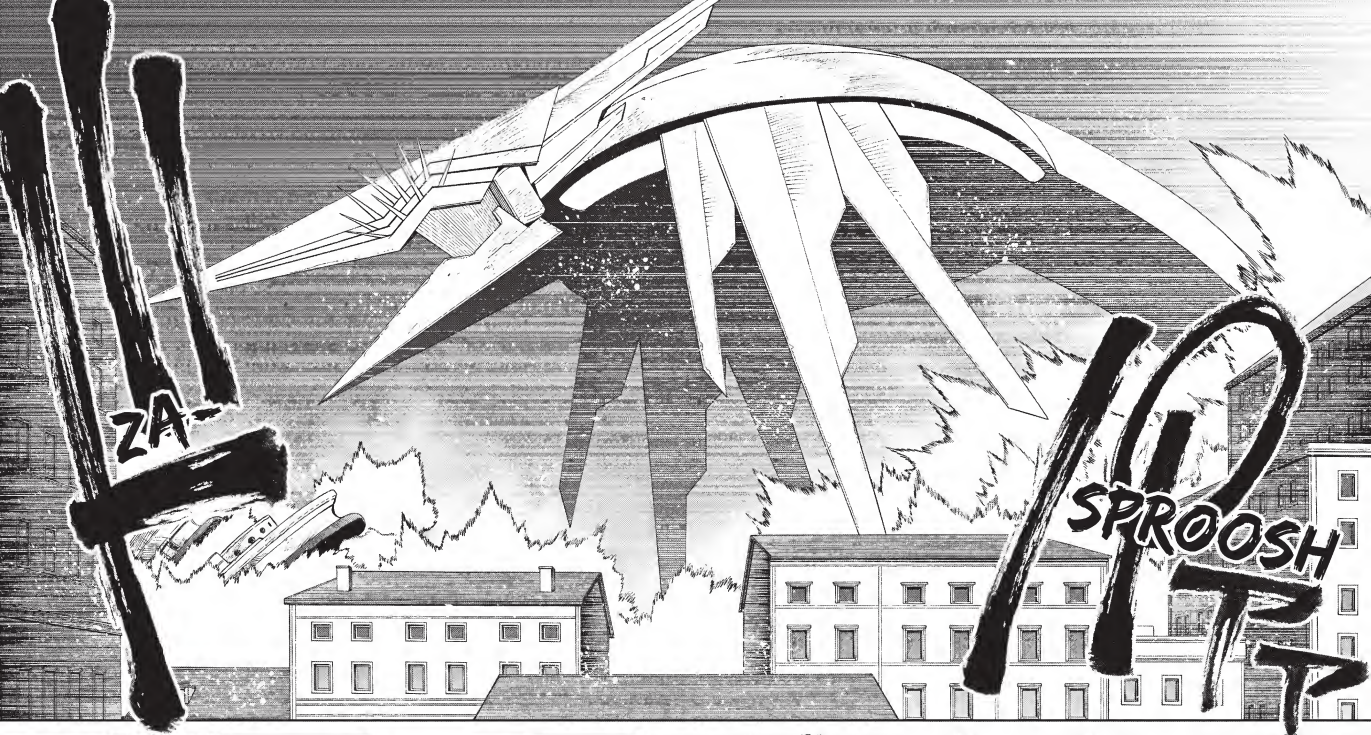
SPROOSH

I MUST
DESTROY
THAT
LIGHT-
HOUSE!!



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Serpent
Slayer of
the Deep
Blue Sea





EITA-SAN!!

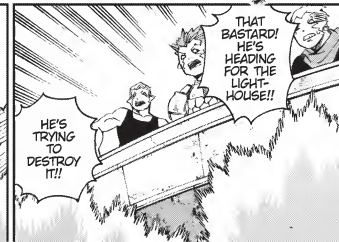
ISN'T THERE...
ISN'T THERE
ANY WAY...?!

THIS
IS BAD!
I CAN'T
CATCH
UP TO HIM
AT THAT
SPEED!!



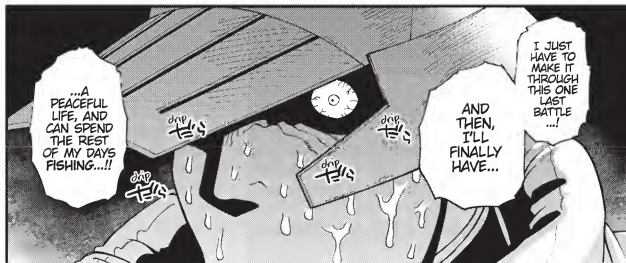
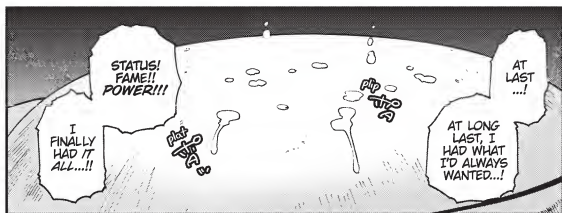
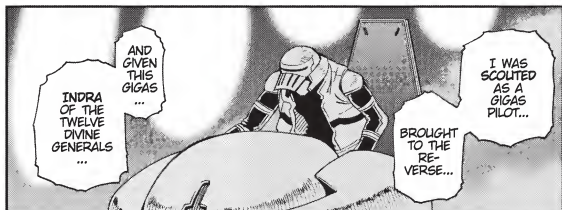
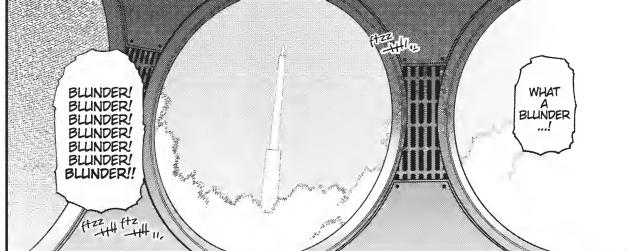
DID
LOSING
THAT
LONG TAIL
ACTUALLY
HELP
HIM?!

DAMN...
THIS GUY'S
SERIOUSLY
FAST!!



HE'S
TRYING
TO
DESTROY
IT!!

THAT
BASTARD!
HE'S
HEADING
FOR THE
LIGHT-
HOUSE!!



...THEN
IT'S ALL
FOR
NOTHING...

...WITHOUT
DESTROYING
THE
LIGHTHOUSE
AND GETTING
RID OF THE
WHIRLPOOL....

BUT
IF I'VE
WRECKED
THE
GIGAS...

TH-
THOSE
MERFOLK
WILL
EAT ME
ALIVE....!!
SO NO
MATTER
WHAT
....!!

I-IF I
LOSE THE
GIGAS
HERE...

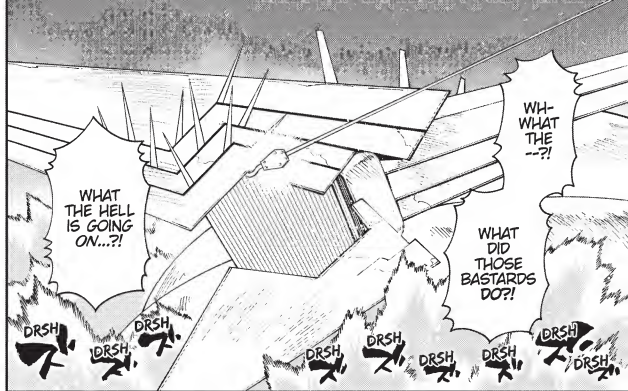
DESTROY
IT!!

I
MUST
...!

I HAVE
TO
DESTROY
THAT
LIGHT-
HOUSE....!!







WHAT
THE HELL
IS GOING
ON...?!

WH-
WHAT
THE
--?!

WHAT
DID
THOSE
BASTARDS
DO?!

DRSH

DRSH

DRSH

DRSH

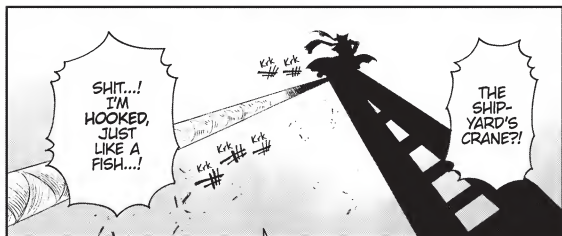
DRSH

DRSH

DRSH

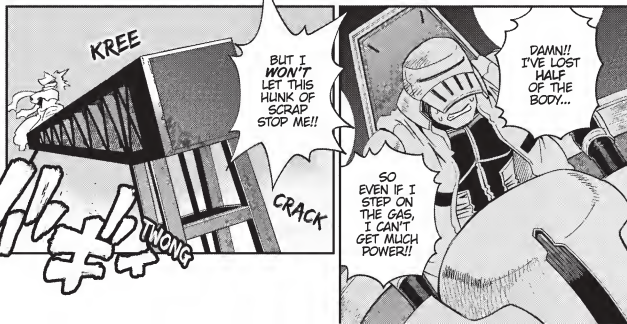
DRSH

DRSH



SHIT...!
I'M
HOOKED,
JUST
LIKE A
FISH...!

THE
SHIP-
YARD'S
CRANE?!



KREE

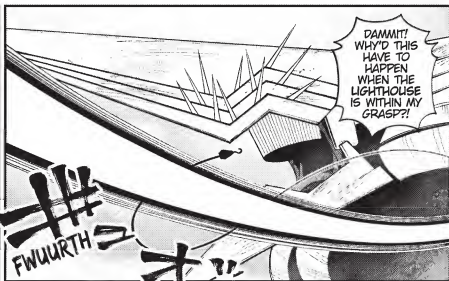
BUT I
WON'T
LET THIS
HUNK OF
SCRAP
STOP ME!!

DAMN!!
I'VE LOST
HALF
OF THE
BODY...

SO
EVEN IF I
STEP ON
THE GAS,
I CAN'T
GET MUCH
POWER!!

CRACK

TWONG



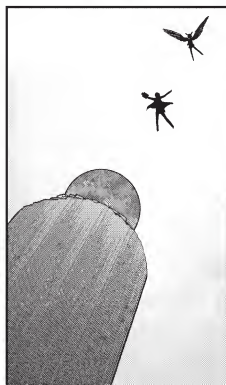


YES!
WE'VE
FLANKED
HIM!!

FL-FLOOF



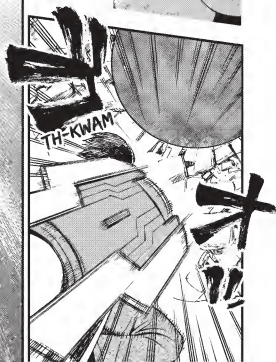
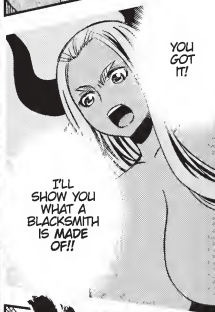
GRRRAH
....!!

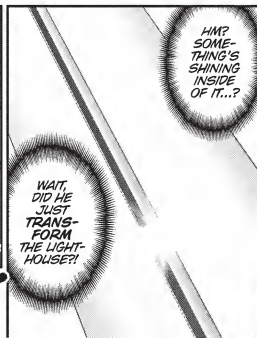


READY,
EITA-
SAN?!

YEP!!

FORGE!!



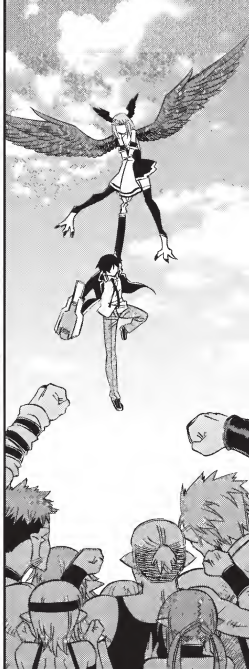
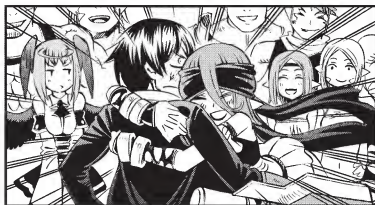


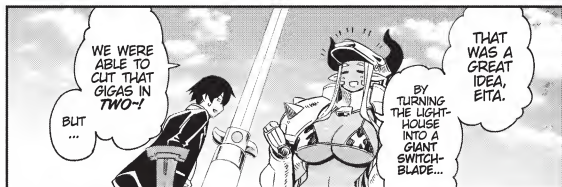


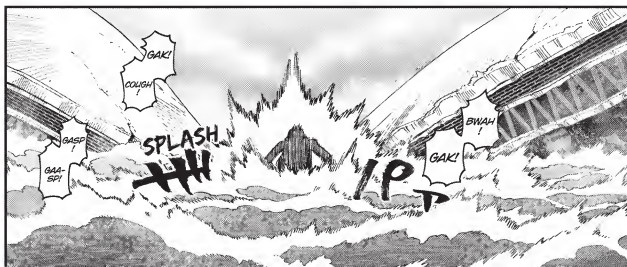
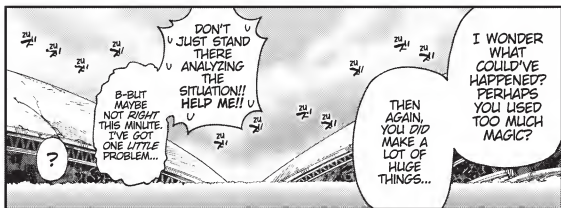
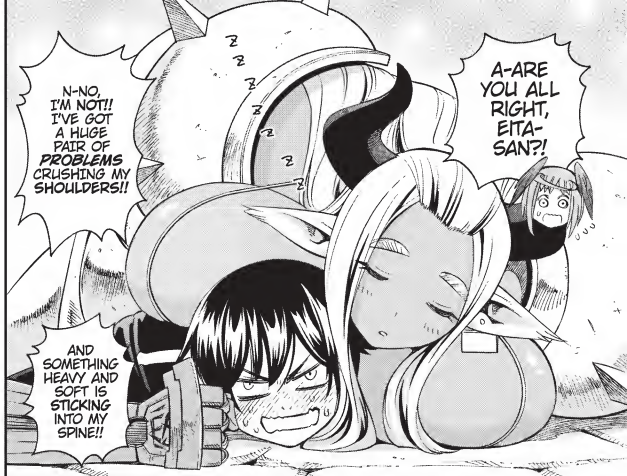


SLIISH











OUT-
SIDER?!

AND JUST
WHERE
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
GOING...



AAAA
?!

AW,
NO NEED
TO BE
SCARED...

AAA...



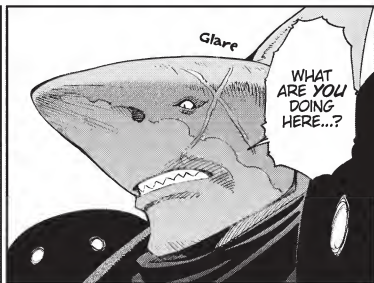
RELAX,
THE
WATER'S
FINE...

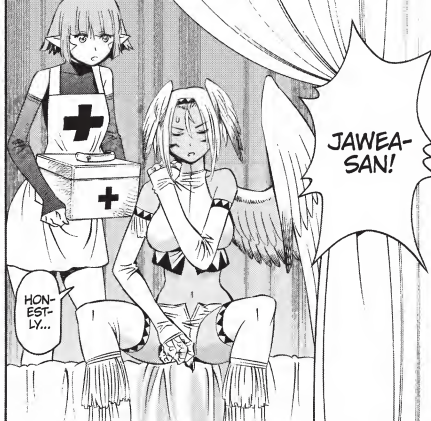


WEL-
COME...

TO THE
SEA...

ker-
plish





JAWEA-SAN!

HON-EST-LY...

QUIT BABBLING! WE'VE GOT INJURED HERE! CAN'T YOU GIVE US SOME PEACE?!



WE'VE GOT SOME OF THE WITCH'S MEDICINES MADE FROM HER SECRET ANCESTRAL RECIPES. I'M SURE SHE'LL HEAL IN NO TIME.

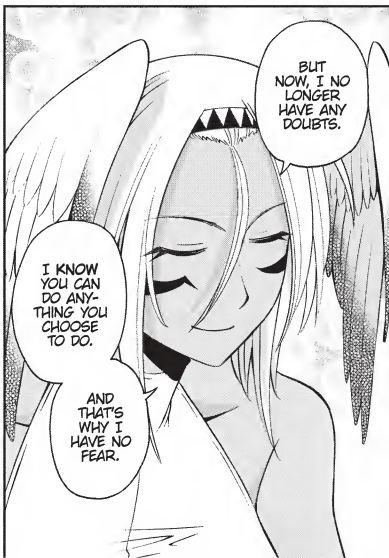
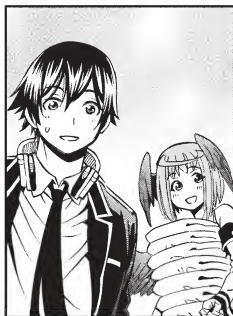
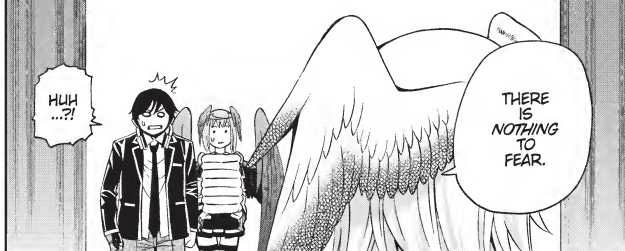
SHE'S IN GOOD HANDS HERE.



SHE'LL NEVER FLY AGAIN.



BUT I'M AFRAID...





HMPH!

DID YOU
TRULY
SUMMON
ME OUT
INTO THE
MIDDLE OF THE
SEA...

TO
FORCE
ME TO
HELP THE
MER-
FOLK?!



HYOOSH

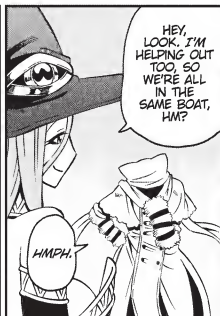
WHUMP

?!



STEELA-
SAN... DO
YOU KNOW
THIS
PERSON...?

AH,
EITA.
RIGHT
ON CUE.
LET ME
INTRO-
DUCE
YOU.



HEY,
LOOK, I'M
HELPING OUT
TOO, SO
WE'RE ALL
IN THE
SAME BOAT,
HM?

HMPH.



WELL,
STEELA,
WITCH OF THE
DEEP?!



SHE'LL BE
GUIDING
US TO
OUR NEXT
DESTINATION.

THIS IS
FREKI,
THE
WEREWOLF.



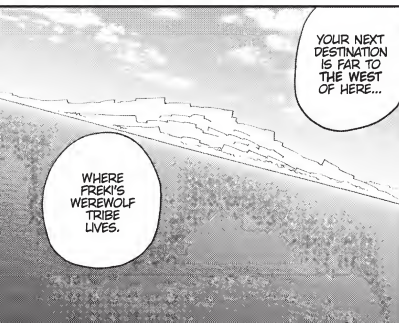
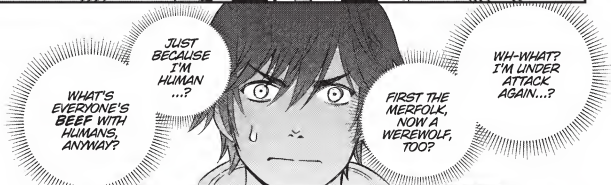
I'VE
HAD A
GLIMPSE
OF YOUR
STRENGTH.

I'LL
ADMIT IT'S
IMPRESSION,
BUT...

SO I CAME
TO THE WITCH
OF THE DEEP
FOR ADVICE.
AND THEN,
SHE TOLD
ME ABOUT
YOU.

WE
WEREWOLVES
ARE
THREATENED
BY THE
GIGAS
AS WELL.

BUT WE
DON'T
STAND
A CHANCE
ON OUR
OWN.



THE
PERMAFROST
MOUNTAINS.

ONE
OF YOUR
QUESTIONS
WILL BE
ANSWERED
THERE.

BOTH
YOU AND
FREKI-SAN
ARE COMING,
WITCH-
SAN?!

HEY!
WAIT
JUST A
MINUTE!

But I
kinda feel
like you're
evading
my real
question.

Yeah,
that's
great...

I'VE
ARRANGED
TRAN-
SPORTATION
FOR ALL OF
US.

DON'T
BE
SILLY.

TA-TING
TA-TING

DOES
THAT
MEAN I
HAVE TO
CARRY
FOUR
PEOPLE?!

NO WAY!
NUH-UH!
NOT
HAPPENING!!





**YOU CAN'T
POSSIBLY
HAVE
CONCERNS
ABOUT
LEAVING
HIM BEHIND.**

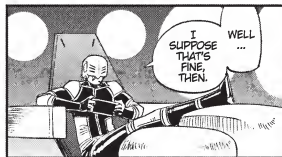
**DON'T
TELL ME...
YOU'RE
UPSET
ABOUT
THOSE
ORDERS?**



**I COULD'VE
BEATEN THAT
SONUVABITCH
BY TAKING
ADVANTAGE
OF ALL THE
COMMOTION.**

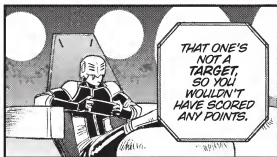
**IT'S
JUST...**

**NO, I
REALLY
COULDN'T
CARE LESS
ABOUT
THAT
DOUCHE.**

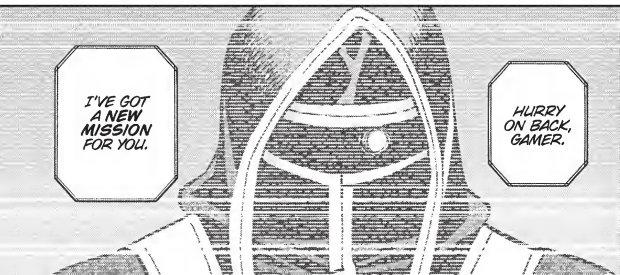


**I
SUPPOSE
THAT'S
FINE,
THEN.**

**WELL
...**



**THAT ONE'S
NOT A
TARGET,
SO YOU
WOULDN'T
HAVE SCORED
ANY POINTS.**



**I'VE GOT
A NEW
MISSION
FOR YOU.**

**HURRY
ON BACK,
GAMER.**

**DO YOU
READ,
BLACK
CLOAK?**



**LET US
BEGIN
OUR
MEETING.**





Not only that,
but rumor
has it we've
lost the
navy's ultimate
weapon, Indra
the Serpent
of the Twelve
Divine
Generals.

Is the
navy's report
accurate?
Our operation
to wipe out
the marine
Out-people
has failed?



SO, WE
UNDER-
ESTIMATED
THE MER-
FOLK,
DID WE...?

OR
PERHAPS
THE NAVY
WAS JUST
SLOPPY?



YES,
I'M
AFRAID
IT'S
TRUE.

WELL,
I HAVEN'T
RECEIVED A
DETAILED
REPORT
YET,
BUT...



WHAT
SAY YOU,
BLACK
CLOAK?

THIS IS A
QUESTION
OF AC-
COUNT-
ABILITY.

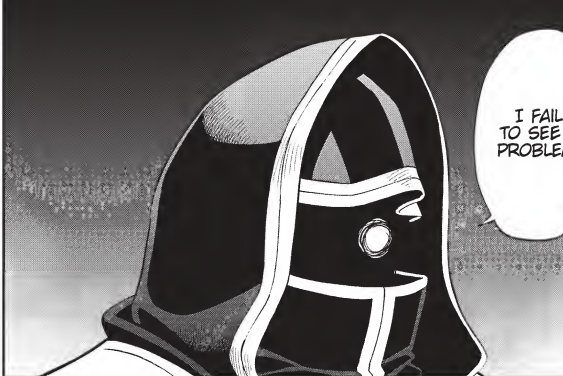
I'M JUST
EXPRESS-
ING A POS-
SIBILITY.

WHAT'S
YOUR
BASIS
FOR SUCH
AN AC-
CUSATION?

ORDER!
!

Perhaps
there was
an issue
with the
pilot.

ORDER!
I DEMAND
ORDER,
ALL OF
YOU!



I FAIL
TO SEE A
PROBLEM.



IF MY
NAVY'S
GIGAS
IS TRULY
LOST,
THEN....!!



WHAT CAN
YOU MEAN
BY THAT,
BLACK
CLOAK...?!



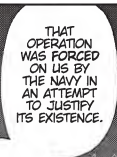
ITS
LOSS WILL
HAVE NO
IMPACT ON
OUR PLANS.



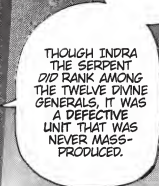
EVEN
SO...!!



E...



THAT
OPERATION
WAS FORCED
ON US BY
THE NAVY IN
AN ATTEMPT
TO JUSTIFY
ITS EXISTENCE.



THOUGH INDRA
THE SERPENT
DID RANK AMONG
THE TWELVE DIVINE
GENERALS, IT WAS
A DEFECTIVE
UNIT THAT WAS
NEVER MASS-
PRODUCED.



WE CAN
SIMPLY
DISREGARD
THE
MERFOLK
VILLAGE.

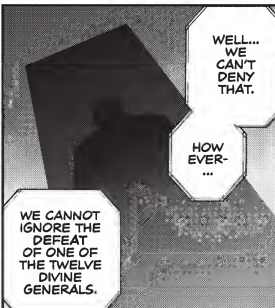
WE
ALREADY
HAVE
THE LAND-
DWELLING
OUT-PEOPLE
OVER-
WHELMED,
AFTER ALL.

CONTROL
OF THE
SEAS WAS
NEVER A
CRITICAL
GOAL.



IF THIS
COUNCIL
APPROVES,
I'D LIKE TO
HAVE MY
MEN RUN AN
INVESTI-
GATION.

WE'VE ALSO
RECEIVED
MULTIPLE
RECENT
REPORTS OF
GIGASES
BEING TAKEN
DOWN.



WE CANNOT
IGNORE THE
DEFEAT
OF ONE OF
THE TWELVE
DIVINE
GENERALS.

WELL...
WE
CAN'T
DENY
THAT.

HOW
EVER-
...



I'VE
ALREADY
MADE
THE NEXT
MOVE.

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO CONCERN
YOURSELF
OVER THAT,
EITHER.



VAJRA
THE DOG
OF THE
TWELVE
DIVINE
GENERALS
...

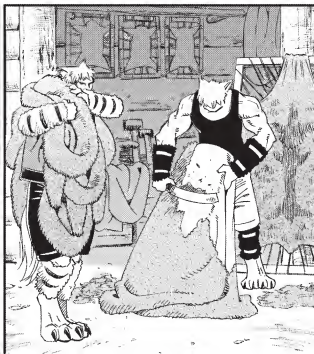
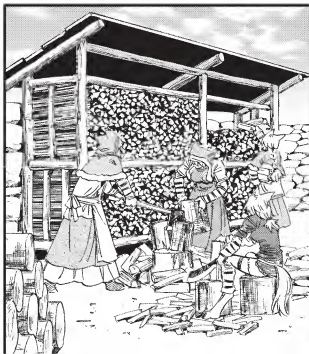
AND
ITS PILOT,
HUNTER.

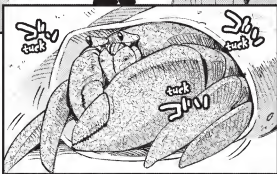
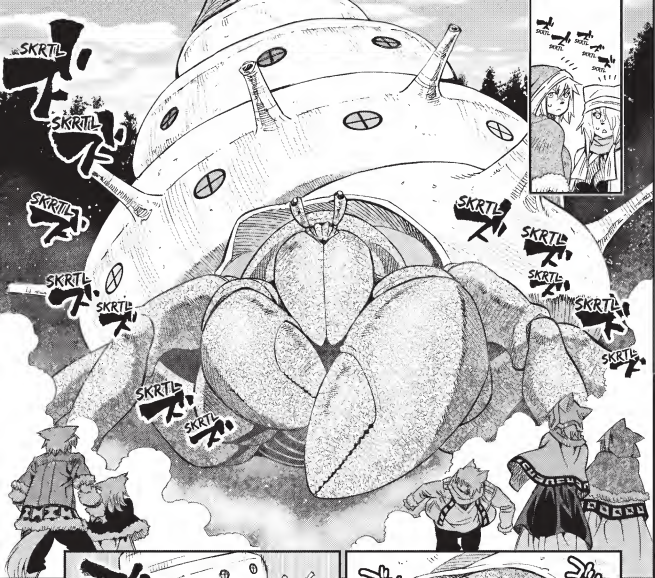


NO PREY,
HOWEVER
CUNNING,
CAN ESCAPE
THEIR NOSES
AND EYES.

A
HOUND
AND A
HUNTS-
MAN...

**Chapter 19:
The Arctic
Hunting
Field**



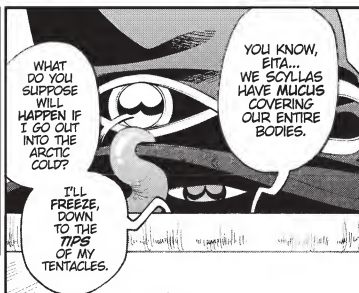


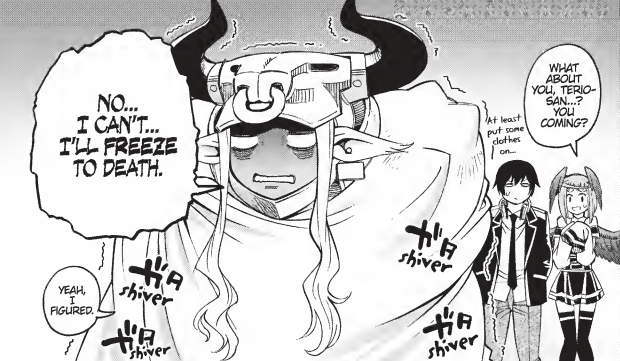
MAN, IT LOOKS SERIOUSLY COLD OUT THERE. BIG CHANGE FROM THE MERFOLK CITY.

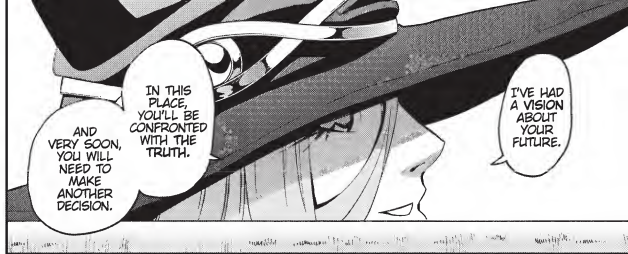


GOOD THING FREKI-SAN RAN AHEAD OF US TO EXPLAIN ABOUT OUR WEIRD TRANSPORTATION.

WE'VE FINALLY STOPPED. THIS MUST BE THE PERMA-FROST MOUNTAINS...







AND
VERY SOON,
YOU WILL
NEED TO
MAKE
ANOTHER
DECISION.

IN THIS
PLACE,
YOU'LL BE
CONFRONTED
WITH THE
TRUTH.

I'VE HAD
A VISION
ABOUT
YOUR
FUTURE.



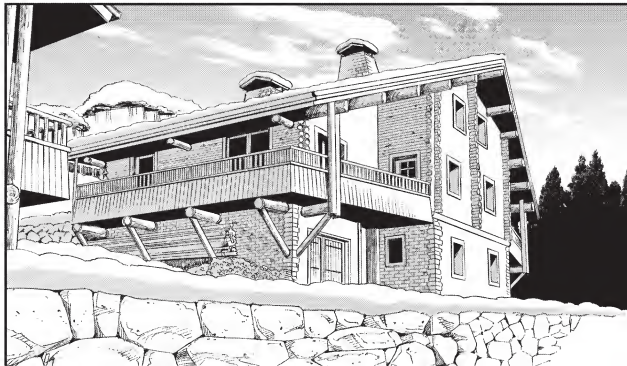
I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO HELP
YOU.

WHEN
THAT TIME
COMES, AND
IT IS FAST
APPROACHING,
YOU WILL
BE ENTIRELY
ON YOUR
OWN.



THE ONE
MAKING
THE CHOICE
MUST BE
YOU AND
YOU ALONE.

I AM
MERELY
A GUIDE,
AFTER
ALL...







THE WITCH
OF THE
DEEP MUST
HAVE
RECOMMENDED
HIM FOR A
REASON.

ELDER!

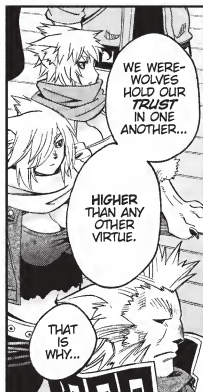
WHAT
SAY...



"INITIATION"
?

IF YOU
INSIST,
ELDER,
I SUPPOSE
WE HAVE
NO CHOICE.

...WE PUT
HIM THROUGH
THE INITIATION
RITUAL WE
MAKE ALL
NEWCOMERS
PERFORM?



WE WERE-
WOLVES
HOLD OUR
TRUST
IN ONE
ANOTHER...

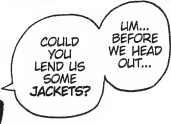
HIGHER
THAN ANY
OTHER
VIRTUE.

THAT
IS
WHY...



IT'S
QUITE
SIMPLE.
YOU HUNT
IN THIS
FOREST...

AND SHOW
OFF WHAT
YOU CAUGHT
BEFORE
THE TRIBE.



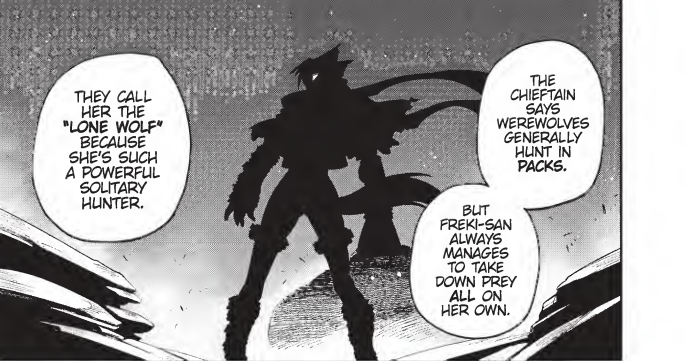


Well, this coat covers my wings, so I can't fly away from danger.



What's up with you? You're not usually this much of a worrywart.





THEY CALL
HER THE
"LONE WOLF"
BECAUSE
SHE'S SUCH
A POWERFUL
SOLITARY
HUNTER.

THE
CHIEFTAIN
SAYS
WEREWOLVES
GENERALLY
HUNT IN
PACKS.

BUT
FREKI-SAN
ALWAYS
MANAGES
TO TAKE
DOWN PREY
ALL ON
HER OWN.



YOU
MUSTN'T
TAKE THIS
ORDEAL
LIGHTLY.

YEAH...
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

YOU'RE
THE ONES
DOING THE
HUNTING
HERE,
NOT ME.



THIS IS
NO TIME
FOR
CHATTER.



THIS
SUCKS...

UGH.





I JUST
DON'T
KNOW
HOW TO
TALK WITH
PEOPLE!!

THEY
CALL ME
THE "LONE
WOLF," BUT
THE TRUTH
IS...

I HUNT
BY MYSELF
BECAUSE
I'M NEVER
ABLE TO
TALK WITH
ANYONE!!



HOW
DO I...
HOW DO
I FIX
THIS?!

AND
EVERYTHING
I DO SAY
COMES OUT
MEAN AND
BITING!

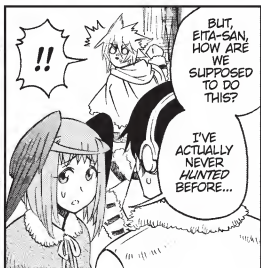
FRIENDLY
STUFF
SOUNDS
TOO EMBAR-
RASSING
IN MY
HEAD...



THAT'S IT!
I CAN
USE THIS
OPENING
TO OFFER
THEM SOME
ADVICE!

"LISTEN
UP, THE
FIRST
TRICK TO A
SUCCESS-
FUL
HUNT..."

YES!
THAT'S
PERFECT!



BUT,
EITA-SAN,
HOW ARE
WE
SUPPOSED
TO DO
THIS?

I'VE
ACTUALLY
NEVER
HUNTED
BEFORE...

!!





MRRUH
....!!

CRAP, I
FORGOT
THIS IS A
FANTASY
WORLD....!!



WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM?
THAT'S A
PRETTY
SMALL ONE
FOR THESE
MOUNTAINS.



KILLING
SOMETHING
IS AN
ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT
MATTER!!

HEY, ALL
I DID WAS
TAME
THAT
THING!!

THAT
BOAR
SHOULD
BE A
PIECE OF
CAKE FOR
YOU!!

BUT,
EITA-SAN!
YOU WERE
ABLE TO
TAME THAT
WILD
ROCKEATER
BEFORE!!



OH!
YOU MEAN
FUSING!!
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
FUSING!!

WHA?!
IS THIS
REALLY THE
TIME AND
PLACE?!

W-WOULD
IT HELP
IF YOU
FONDLED
MY CHEST
AGAIN?!

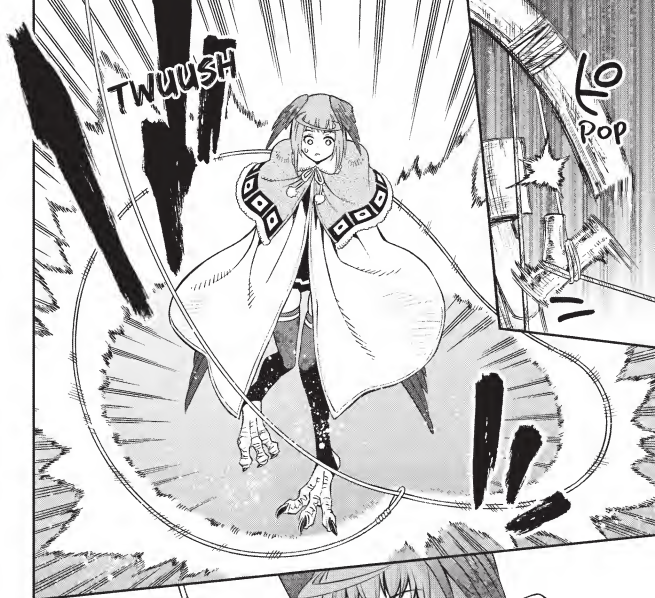
BUT YOU
DEFEATED
ALL THOSE
GIGASES!

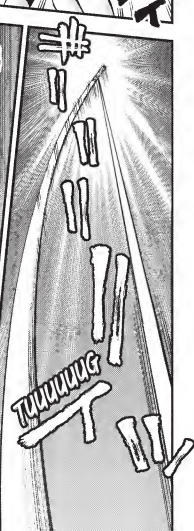
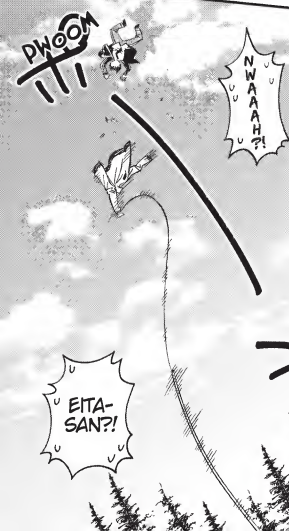


COULD
THIS BE MY
OPENING?!

HUH?!







**DON'T
MOVE
!!**

MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
WHERE
AM I...?

KA-SHICK

?!



WHAT'S
A HUMAN
DOING
ALL THE
WAY OUT
HERE?

HEY,
LOOK.
HE'S
HUMAN.



.....
?!



MAN,
DO I
WANT
TO GO
HOME.

YEAH,
THIS PLACE
IS HARSH,
EVEN
FOR US
INNERS.

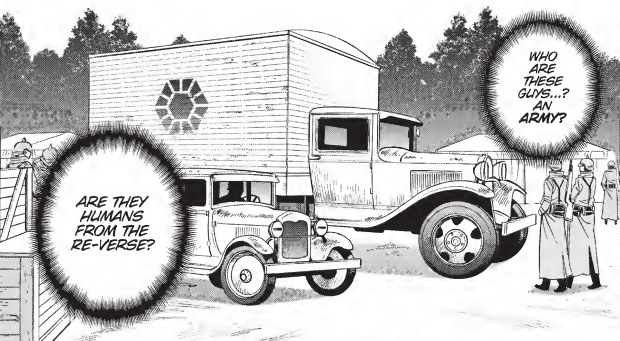
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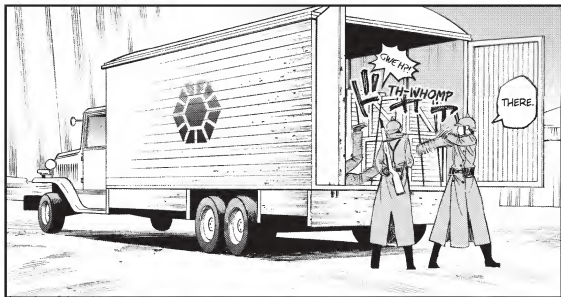


I'M GUESSING
FROM YOUR
LOOKS THAT
YOU'RE A
SURFACE-
DWELLER, RIGHT?
SO YOU WERE
SUMMONED
HERE FROM THE
SURFACE.

WE'VE
BEEN
GETTING
A LOT OF
THOSE
LATELY.

WHAT
SHITTY LUCK,
GETTING
SUMMONED
INTO THIS
SNOWY
WASTELAND.



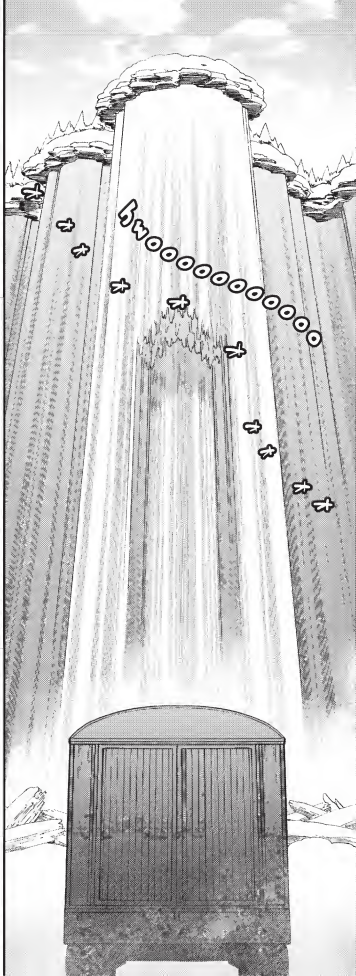


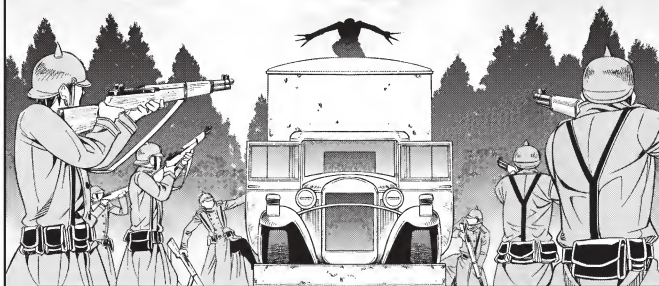
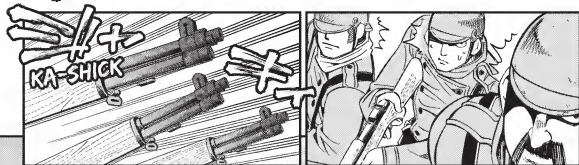




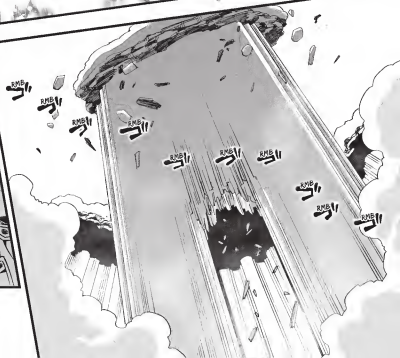


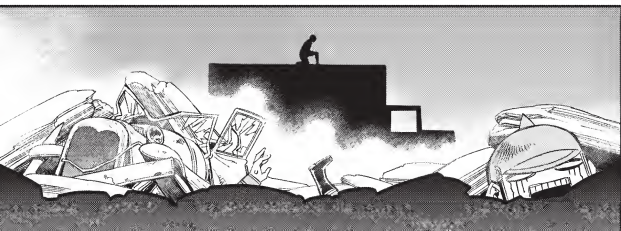
THE SOLUTION.

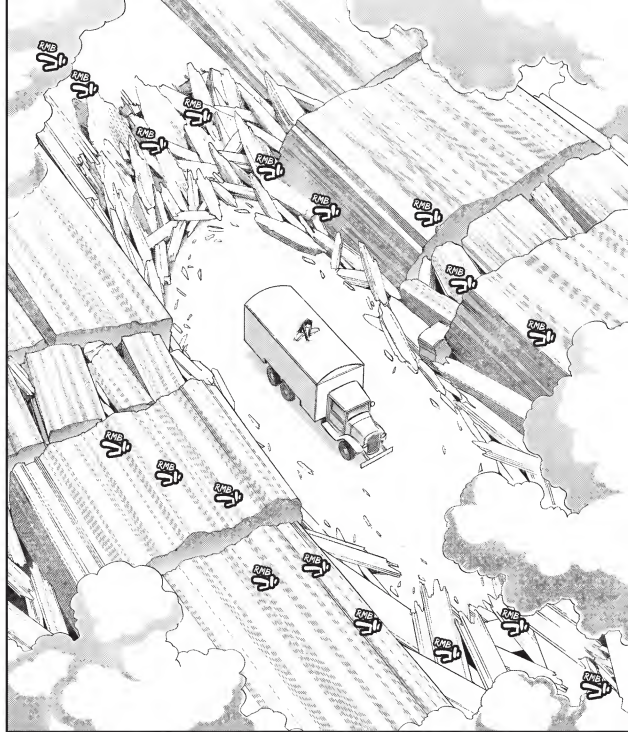












REMINDE
ME NEVER
TO DO
THAT
AGAIN...!



I-I
PEED
MYSELF
A BIT...!

TO BE CONTINUED

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Breast Comparison



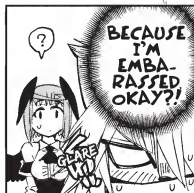
Freki
172cm

Bust: 88

Waist: 59

Hip: 87

F cup!



The Snowy Mountain Settlement



Travelers must also be wary of avalanches, which are a constant threat in this region.

All living creatures in the Permafrost Mountains forest may simply be adhering to Bergmann's Rule, but they are all incredibly large and powerful. In addition, food is very scarce in the snowy mountains, so carnivores and even herbivores are extremely ferocious and will try to devour anything that moves.

The rule is named after nineteenth-century German biologist Carl Bergmann, who stated in 1847 that "within a broadly distributed taxonomic clade, populations and species of larger size are found in colder environments, and species of smaller size are found in warmer regions." This pattern is caused by the relation between body temperature and surface area as it relates to maintaining body temperature.

The reason for this phenomenon is that larger animals have a lower surface area to volume ratio than smaller animals, so they radiate less body heat per unit of mass, and therefore stay warmer in cold climates. Warmer climates create the opposite problem: body heat generated by metabolism needs to be dissipated quickly rather than stored within.

Thus, there is almost a 1:1 ratio between generating body heat and body weight and almost a 1:1 ratio between heat emission and body surface area.

This is a settlement for the werewolves that live in the Permafrost Mountains. Since it is located in a frigid mountain environment surrounded on all sides by sheer cliffs, it is difficult for any people other than the athletic werewolves to enter the area, much less live there.

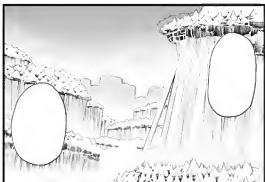
One of the defining characteristics of the Permafrost Mountains is its steep walls of ice. They are believed to have formed by moisture in the ground being forced to the surface by capillary action, then freezing into the shape of a pillar—essentially a giant form of needle ice.

These incredibly steep ice pillars can lift up whole forests along with the earth attached to them, and these trees continue to flourish high in the air.

Because the ice walls are made by coagulating subterranean water, they continue to grow each year so long as there is water. As a result, the walls grew lofty enough for people to think of them as mountains. They are mountains in name only, consisting primarily of ice with precious little soil or rock.

At the base of the Permafrost Mountains can be found sharp ice fragments that have broken off from the cliff. These fragments, unable to melt, simply accumulate on top of themselves, forming an impassable barrier.

As a result, anyone who wishes to cross the Permafrost Mountains must pass close to the wall of the sheer cliffs where the foliage is relatively thin.





A werewolf tribe has a settlement in a section of this cold, dangerous snowy mountain range. Werewolves are often portrayed as solitary creatures, but in fact, they hunt in packs and raise their young together, generating a strong interspecies bond. As a result, werewolves typically form small settlements centered around their tribe.

However, in response to the Gigas threat, werewolves are gathering in the Snowy Mountain Settlement from all over the Re-verse, multiplying its standard population dramatically.

Werewolves live in log houses made using the plentiful trees nearby. These houses are great at insulating against the bitter cold as well as sturdy enough to withstand heavy snowfall on the roofs.

Werewolves make their livelihood by hunting. The animals in this snowy area may be huge and

dangerous, but to the werewolves they are simply prey. Werewolves do not practice agriculture, but simply gather any plants they need from the forest.

Both werewolves and harpies are hunters who craft items from parts of their prey. But while harpies craft with bones and fangs, werewolves are skilled leatherworkers. The giant animal skins they obtain from hunting in the snowy heights are especially sturdy and flexible, making them extremely useful to the werewolves, with many applications for their daily lives.

Trade is difficult for werewolves given their remote and isolated location, so their leatherwork rarely reaches the outside world. Those precious few pieces that do make it to the market fetch a high price.



Werewolves are extremely resistant to the cold and can travel the snowy mountains in light clothing.

They tend to wear the bare minimum that can offer protection in case of a sudden snowstorm. However, after heavy exercise, heat gets trapped in their clothes and they often strip down to cool off.

Freki's name comes from Norse mythology. Geri and Freki were wolves who served as companions to the god Odin. At first I thought of using Geri, but since Geri means "diarrhea" in Japanese, I thought better of it and went with Freki.



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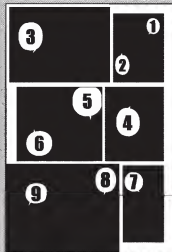
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As Indra the Serpent of the Twelve Divine Generals closes in on the merfolk town, Eita is faced with the toughest decision of his life. Should he join the merfolk in their battle—a conflict which has nothing to do with him, and where the merfolk don't even want his help—or should he make a strategic retreat? As if this wasn't a difficult enough choice, Steela, the Witch of the Deep, informs Eita that he will soon be forced to make an even more fateful decision!



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